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In an electronic device having a database of records of different categories, a method of display information comprising the step of:

obtain a first sort field for said first category type, said table associating each category of said different categories with its own sort field.

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 - Cited as being of interest.
 - Helped examiner better understand the invention.
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Search Notes

Dear Examiner Chen,

Attached please find the results of your Fast & Focused search request for application 09/755782. I searched Dialog's foreign patent files, product announcement files and general files; along with the Internet.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,



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File 347:JAPIO Oct 1976-2003/Apr(Updated 030804)

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File 350:Derwent WPIX 1963-2003/UD,UM &UP=200352

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Set	Items	Description
S1	768094	DATABASE? ? OR DATA()BASE? ? OR TABLE? ? OR REPOSITORY??? OR RECORD? ?
S2	53444	S1(5N)(PEOPLE OR PERSON? ? OR CONTACT? ? OR ASSOCIATE? OR - FRIEND? OR INDIVIDUAL? ? OR EMPLOYEE? OR MEMBER? ? OR ENTITY - OR ENTITIES OR STUDENT? OR USER? ? OR CUSTOMER? ? OR CONSUMER? ? OR PARTNER? ? OR ADDRESS?? OR NAME? ?)
S3	2636861	CATEGORY OR CATEGORIES OR CLASS OR CLASSES OR GROUP???? OR CLASSIFICATION? ? OR THEME? ? OR SET? ? OR CLUSTER? OR COLLECTION? ?
S4	5879	S3(10N)SORT???
S5	938	SORT???(5N)(FIELD? ? OR KEY? ? OR MENU? ? OR BUTTON? ?)
S6	390	S3(5N)SORT???(5N)(SEPARATE?? OR DIFFERENT? OR DISTINCT?? - OR OWN OR ITSELF)
S7	409	S3(5N)(ASSOCIAT? OR CORRESPOND? OR CORRELAT? OR RELAT?? OR APPLICABLE OR MATCH?? OR MAP????) (5N)SORT???
S8	484	S1 AND S4 AND IC=G06F
S9	142	S8 AND S5:S7
S10	19	S2 AND S9
S11	123	S9 NOT S10
S12	54	S11 AND SORT??/?TI
S13	69	S11 NOT S12
S14	0	S2 AND S13
S15	7	S13 AND CATEGOR?
S16	62	S13 NOT S15
S17	348	(CATEGORY OR CATEGORIES) (10N)SORT???
S18	71	S1 AND S17
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03606719 **Image available**
SORT PROCESSING SYSTEM USING KANJI FIELD AS SORT KEY

PUB. NO.: 03-269619 [JP 3269619 A]
PUBLISHED: December 02, 1991 (19911202)
INVENTOR(s): UEDA YOICHI
APPLICANT(s): NEC CORP [000423] (A Japanese Company or Corporation), JP
(Japan)
APPL. NO.: 02-070133 [JP 9070133]
FILED: March 19, 1990 (19900319)
INTL CLASS: [5] G06F-007/24
JAPIO CLASS: 45.1 (INFORMATION PROCESSING -- Arithmetic Sequence Units);
45.2 (INFORMATION PROCESSING -- Memory Units)
JOURNAL: Section: P, Section No. 1319, Vol. 16, No. 85, Pg. 101,
February 28, 1992 (19920228)

ABSTRACT

PURPOSE: To improve the sort processing efficiency and also to reduce the memory capacity by storing a sort KANJI (Chinese character) order **table** used for sort processing into a system common virtual storage as the shared software and having accesses in common among plural processes.

CONSTITUTION: The number N of KANJI **fields** designated as sort **keys** is obtained from a **sort** parameter **table** 2. Then '1' is **set** to a control variable I so that the position L, the number S of characters, and the KANJI order element T of the I-th KANJI field are obtained from the **table** 2. At the same time, an identification name X of a sort KANJI order **table** stored in a common software virtual storage area 4 corresponding to the element T is obtained from a sort KANJI order control **table** 7. Then '0' is **set** to a control variable J, and a code C of the (L+J)-th KANJI counted from the tip of a **record** is obtained. Furthermore the collating order value N of the code C is obtained by reference to the sort KANJI **table** of the name X and adds the value N to the **record**. The comparison is carried out between J and S. If J is larger than S, '1' is added to the value of I. Then I is compared with N. If I is larger than N, the processing is through. Thus the sort efficiency is improved.

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03361717 **Image available**
DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM

PUB. NO.: 03-024617 [JP 3024617 A]
PUBLISHED: February 01, 1991 (19910201)
INVENTOR(s): HAYASHI TSUTOMU
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APPLICANT(s): NEC CORP [000423] (A Japanese Company or Corporation), JP
(Japan)
NEC SOFTWARE LTD [491061] (A Japanese Company or Corporation)
, JP (Japan)
APPL. NO.: 01-156647 [JP 89156647]
FILED: June 21, 1989 (19890621)
INTL CLASS: [5] G06F-007/24 ; G06F-012/00
JAPIO CLASS: 45.1 (INFORMATION PROCESSING -- Arithmetic Sequence Units);
45.2 (INFORMATION PROCESSING -- Memory Units)
JOURNAL: Section: P, Section No. 1191, Vol. 15, No. 153, Pg. 124,
April 17, 1991 (19910417)

ABSTRACT

PURPOSE: To reduce the memory using capacity of sort processing by providing the data processing system with a sorting means, a sorting work

storing means and a merging means.

CONSTITUTION: The sorting means divides a record group having key items and relative work address items and only key values and relative address values from respective records are stored and rearranged in a sorting table . The sorting work storing means successively stores the records of work files indicated by the relative address values in the sorting table in a sorting work file. The merging means sets up the records of the minimum key values in of respective groups the sorting work file in each merging table , compares recordes in the table and outputs the minimum key record to a work file. Since the head records of respective groups of the sorting work file formed by dividing a file to be sorted and rearranging only the key values and relative address values are merged, memory capacity to be processed can be sharply reduced.

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INDEX FORMING DEVICE

PUB. NO.: 63-149728 [JP 63149728 A]

PUBLISHED: June 22, 1988 (19880622)

INVENTOR(s): IDESHITA TADAYOSHI

APPLICANT(s): NEC CORP [000423] (A Japanese Company or Corporation), JP
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APPL. NO.: 61-298023 [JP 86298023]

FILED: December 15, 1986 (19861215)

INTL CLASS: [4] G06F-007/28 ; G06F-007/24

JAPIO CLASS: 45.1 (INFORMATION PROCESSING -- Arithmetic Sequence Units);
45.2 (INFORMATION PROCESSING -- Memory Units)

JOURNAL: Section: P, Section No. 780, Vol. 12, No. 413, Pg. 55,
November 02, 1988 (19881102)

ABSTRACT

PURPOSE: To collectively form plural indexes only by one access by forming index records corresponding to the number of indexes to be formed for one data record and adding identification numbers corresponding to respective indexes to respective index records .

CONSTITUTION: An index record forming means 1a reads out plural data records stored in a storing means 1d successively and forms index records each of which includes a field corresponding to an index to be formed, a record address and the identification number of the index to be formed by the number of indexes to be formed in each data record . An index record sorting means 1b sorts the formed index records by defining the identification numbers of the indexes as a 1st sort keys and the fields corresponding to the indexes in the index records having the same identification number as a 2nd sort keys . An index constituting means 1c forms corresponding indexes while monitoring the indexes ID arrayed in a sorted index record group . Consequently, index records relating to the different kinds of indexes can be processed only by one sort processing.

10/5/8 (Item 8 from file: 347)

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02462248 **Image available**

SYSTEM FOR DECIDING SET OCCURRENCE STORING ORDER OF MULTI-HIERARCHICAL DATA BASE

PUB. NO.: 63-079148 [JP 63079148 A]

PUBLISHED: April 09, 1988 (19880409)

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APPL. NO.: 61-225387 [JP 86225387]
FILED: September 22, 1986 (19860922)
INTL CLASS: [4] G06F-012/00 ; G06F-007/24 ; G06F-012/00
JAPIO CLASS: 45.2 (INFORMATION PROCESSING -- Memory Units); 45.1
(INFORMATION PROCESSING -- Arithmetic Sequence Units)
JOURNAL: Section: P, Section No. 748, Vol. 12, No. 309, Pg. 99, August
23, 1988 (19880823)

ABSTRACT

PURPOSE: To produce a **data base** corresponding to designation by using a set key to decide well-definedly a pair of an owner **record** and a **member record**.

CONSTITUTION: This device consists of a **data base** DB generating file 1, a **set** information **sorting** means 2 which **sorts** the owner and **member records** stored in each **record** of the file 1 via a **set** key that secures **correspondence** between both **records**, a **sort** work file 3 which stores the **sorted** results, a storing order deciding means 4 which has the input of the file 3 and decides the relationship between the set owner and **member records**, a multi-hierarchical set information producing means 5 which produces the **record** having the set relationship between the owner and **member records** covering many hierarchies when the storing order is not decided yet by the means 4, and a storing order file 6 which stores results.

10/5/11 (Item 11 from file: 347)
DIALOG(R)File 347:JAPIO
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01952524 **Image available**
SORTING SYSTEM FOR LOGGING RECORD

PUB. NO.: 61-166624 [JP 61166624 A]
PUBLISHED: July 28, 1986 (19860728)
INVENTOR(s): YONEMOTO HISASHI
APPLICANT(s): FUJITSU LTD [000522] (A Japanese Company or Corporation), JP
(Japan)
APPL. NO.: 60-006839 [JP 856839]
FILED: January 18, 1985 (19850118)
INTL CLASS: [4] G06F-007/24
JAPIO CLASS: 45.1 (INFORMATION PROCESSING -- Arithmetic Sequence Units);
45.2 (INFORMATION PROCESSING -- Memory Units)
JOURNAL: Section: P, Section No. 527, Vol. 10, No. 374, Pg. 21,
December 12, 1986 (19861212)

ABSTRACT

PURPOSE: To increase the sorting speed of logging **records** by processing in adverse time series the logging **records** stored in time series and setting a point chain between **records** in time series and according to the value of each key.

CONSTITUTION: .A main memory device MSU2 connected to a CPU1 of a sorting system for logging **records** contains a memory area including a reading area 21, a **key** control **table** 22 and a **sorting** file storage **record address** pointer 23. The adverse reading orders are set in the area 21 in a descending way in terms of the generating time of logging **records** sent from a logging file of a file memory PM4 of the system. The key value 220 of the **table** 22 is scanned in accordance with the key value of the **record** read out. Then the value 220 is retrieved and a key value head **record address** 221 is added to the pointer 23 and stored in a sorting file 53 of a file memory 5. Then a point chain is **set** between records in response to each **key** value. Thus the **sorting** speed is increased for logging **records**.

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013972935 **Image available**
WPI Acc No: 2001-457148/200149
XRPX Acc No: N01-338836

Displaying records responsive to database query for searching databases, sorting and delivering records to users by displaying selected elements of at least one of responsive records

Patent Assignee: ROSENTHAL P J (ROSE-I); WALTERS E J (WALT-I)

Inventor: ROSENTHAL P J; WALTERS E J

Number of Countries: 094 Number of Patents: 002

Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
WO 200135274	A1	20010517	WO 2000US30786	A	20001109	200149 B
AU 200115914	A	20010606	AU 200115914	A	20001109	200152

Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 2000707911 A 20001108; US 99164549 P 19991110; US 2000707910 A 20001108

Patent Details:

Patent No	Kind	Lan Pg	Main IPC	Filing Notes
WO 200135274	A1	E	52 G06F-017/30	

Designated States (National): AE AG AL AM AT AU AZ BA BB BG BR BY BZ CA CH CN CR CU CZ DE DK DM DZ EE ES FI GB GD GE GH GM HR HU ID IL IN IS JP KE KG KP KR KZ LC LK LR LS LT LU LV MA MD MG MK MN MW MX MZ NO NZ PL PT RO RU SD SE SG SI SK SL TJ TM TR TT TZ UA UG US UZ VN YU ZA ZW Designated States (Regional): AT BE CH CY DE DK EA ES FI FR GB GH GM GR IE IT KE LS LU MC MW MZ NL OA PT SD SE SL SZ TR TZ UG ZW

AU 200115914 A G06F-017/30 Based on patent WO 200135274

Abstract (Basic): WO 200135274 A1

NOVELTY - A list of identifiers and selected elements of at least one of the responsive records are displayed for a number of the responsive records. The list of identifiers and the selected elements are displayed simultaneously. The selected elements comprise the entirety of one of the responsive records or case citations. Records displayed in their entirety are identified and marked in a prior search request.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - .

INDEPENDENT CLAIMS are included for:

(a) an apparatus for displaying records responsive to database query

(b) a method of sorting a first set of records

(c) a method of identifying additions to a list of records

USE - In the field of searching databases, sorting and displaying results, and delivering records to users.

ADVANTAGE - More efficiently displaying, representing, sorting, and navigating such responsive records. Reduces the need to access the full text of records in order to determine whether the record is relevant to the user's research. Allows users to sort the list of such records, and by showing users which records they have already reviewed. Lists responsive records in a side panel while the user reviews the full text of any responsive record, allowing the user to jump forward or back a number of records at a time by allowing users to re-sort the list of responsive records in the side pane.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The drawing illustrates a flow diagram for a query in one embodiment of the present invention.

pp; 52 DwgNo 4/11

Title Terms: DISPLAY; RECORD ; RESPOND; DATABASE ; QUERY; SEARCH; SORT; DELIVER; RECORD ; USER; DISPLAY; SELECT; ELEMENT; ONE; RESPOND; RECORD

Derwent Class: T01

International Patent Class (Main): G06F-017/30

International Patent Class (Additional): G06F-017/00

File Segment: EPI

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013156306 **Image available**
WPI Acc No: 2000-328178/200028
XRPX Acc No: N00-247016

Interactive data processing method for online financial system, involves maintaining access to database with complete service to all accounts during service request by providing valuations and sorted lists

Patent Assignee: POWER FINANCIAL GROUP INC (POWE-N)

Inventor: SEGAL G A; ZERENNER E H

Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001

Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
US 6049783	A	20000411	US 9755403	A	19970808	200028 B
			US 9886738	A	19980529	

Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 9755403 P 19970808; US 9886738 A 19980529

Patent Details:

Patent No	Kind	Lan Pg	Main IPC	Filing Notes
US 6049783	A	6	G06F-017/60	Provisional application US 9755403

Abstract (Basic): US 6049783 A

NOVELTY - Client establishes filtering and sorting on interactive server in separate account, to set and modify parameters for each account. Timely access to source of data is provided to retrieve valuations, client information, graph or other report, thus maintaining access to database for complete service during request to all accounts.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - Data is processed from browser compatible page. The client criteria are selected from open interest, percent if called, percent if not called, in money or out of money, optional month, search criteria, stock price, volume, volatility or Black-Scholes value, etc. Valuations may tend to be for months or long term leap options.

USE - For accessing online financial data within server to meet user criteria in business and financial system used for automated renewal accounts system using digital computer for updating security information of multiple accounts.

ADVANTAGE - Individual investor could make use of speed of computer is same way as investment professionals, as investment data is presented to individuals in a read only format with content being generic in nature. Thus individual investor can directly interact with database in order to extract information according to individual needs. Hence individual criteria is input and changed to explore different scenarios.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The figure shows the flowchart of multitask account on server.

pp; 6 DwgNo 2/2

Title Terms: INTERACT; DATA; PROCESS; METHOD; FINANCIAL; SYSTEM; MAINTAIN; ACCESS; DATABASE ; COMPLETE; SERVICE; ACCOUNT; SERVICE; REQUEST; SORT; LIST

Derwent Class: T01

International Patent Class (Main): G06F-017/60

File Segment: EPI

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011042839 **Image available**
WPI Acc No: 1997-020763/199702
XRPX Acc No: N97-017299

Index integrity checking method for DB2 database - involves creating

special SORT record for each data record and each data entry and collating records to group SORT records for each record and associated index entries

Patent Assignee: BMC SOFTWARE INC (BMCS-N)

Inventor: HINTZ T E; TENBERG K C

Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001

Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
US 5579515	A	19961126	US 93168962	A	19931216	199702 B

Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 93168962 A 19931216

Patent Details:

Patent No	Kind	Lan Pg	Main IPC	Filing Notes
US 5579515	A	12	G06F-007/00	

Abstract (Basic): US 5579515 A

The method involves reading, in parallel, a series of DB2 data records from a DB2 table space (120), and a series of DB2 index entries from DB2 indexes (100) associated with the DB2 table space. Each index entry is normally associated with a DB2 data record . A SORT record (300) is constructed for each of the data records and each index entry.

The SORT records are collated for the data records and the SORT records for the index entries onto a single sequence of SORT records to group together the SORT records for each data record with the one or more index entries associated with the respective date record . A specified diagnosis routine (125) is performed which uses a single sequence of SORT records as an input.

USE/ADVANTAGE - Maintains database integrity.

Dwg.3/7

Title Terms: INDEX; INTEGRITY; CHECK; METHOD; DATABASE ; SPECIAL; SORT; RECORD ; DATA; RECORD ; DATA; ENTER; COLLATE; RECORD ; GROUP; SORT; RECORD ; RECORD ; ASSOCIATE; INDEX; ENTER

Derwent Class: T01

International Patent Class (Main): G06F-007/00

International Patent Class (Additional): G06F-009/00

File Segment: EPI

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WPI Acc No: 1993-228558/199329

XRPX Acc No: N93-175418

Data processing system for sorting set of keys associated with records in computer files - has logic for partitioning keys into subsets and sorting each subset in predefined sequence

Patent Assignee: INT BUSINESS MACHINES CORP (IBM)

Inventor: COHN O; GAL S; HOLLANDER Y; SHEINWALD D

Number of Countries: 004 Number of Patents: 002

Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
EP 551691	A1	19930721	EP 92300324	A	19920115	199329 B
US 5490269	A	19960206	US 933929	A	19930113	199612

Priority Applications (No Type Date): EP 92300324 A 19920115

Cited Patents: 1.Jnl.Ref; US 913007; WO 9003609

Patent Details:

Patent No	Kind	Lan Pg	Main IPC	Filing Notes
EP 551691	A1	E	6	G06F-007/24

Designated States (Regional): DE FR GB

US 5490269 A 5 G06F-007/08

Abstract (Basic): EP 551691 A

The system sorts a set of keys each associated with a corresponding record by partitioning the keys into subsets and

sorting each subset of **keys** in a predefined sequence. The subset partitioning collects together keys having a distinct codeword relative to a selected one of the set of keys.

The selected key is selected by randomly sampling the keys to determine a typical key and selecting that key. If a typical key cannot be identified a conventional most significant byte sorting method is used. The method is applied recursively to fully **sort** a **set** of **keys**.

ADVANTAGE - The system speeds up the process of **sorting** **keys** and therefore results in more efficient use of computer time.

Dwg.1/2

Title Terms: DATA; PROCESS; SYSTEM; SORT; SET; KEY; ASSOCIATE; RECORD ; COMPUTER; FILE; LOGIC; PARTITION; KEY; SUBSET; SORT; SUBSET; PREDEFINED; SEQUENCE

Derwent Class: T01

International Patent Class (Main): G06F-007/08 ; G06F-007/24

International Patent Class (Additional): G06F-007/10 ; G06F-007/22

File Segment: EPI

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06425198 **Image available**
METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR SORT PROCESSING RECORD MEDIUM RECORDING SORT
PROCESSING PROGRAM

PUB. NO.: 2000-010760 [JP 2000010760 A]
PUBLISHED: January 14, 2000 (20000114)
INVENTOR(s): SANO YASUKO
APPLICANT(s): NEC CORP
APPL. NO.: 10-175726 [JP 98175726]
FILED: June 23, 1998 (19980623)
INTL CLASS: G06F-007/24

ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To improve the data hit rate and to increase the sort processing speed.

SOLUTION: A **record** dividing means 10 which divides a **record** into a **sort key** and the other part, a main storage device 5 provided with first areas for storage of **sort keys** and second areas for storage of the other parts, a sort main processing means 1 which sorts first areas at each time of fullness of second areas or at the time of the end of input of all **records** and reads **records** from a work file 4 into second areas in order from the first **record** of each intermediate **sort** result and merges the **sort key group** in first areas to determine the **sort** result at the time of output of the **sort** result, and a code link means 9 which takes out data in second areas in the **sort** order correspondingly to **sort keys** in first areas to write these data in the work file 4 as the intermediate **sort** result and combines winner **sort keys** of the merge result and corresponding data of the other parts to output them to an output file 3 as the **sort** result are provided.

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SORT PROCESSING METHOD

PUB. NO.: 11-272448 [JP 11272448 A]
PUBLISHED: October 08, 1999 (19991008)
INVENTOR(s): KITAMURA EIJI
APPLICANT(s): NEC CORP
APPL. NO.: 10-076221 [JP 9876221]
FILED: March 24, 1998 (19980324)
INTL CLASS: G06F-007/24

ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To attain the sort processing of a lot of data in a short time by reducing the number of string input and output times with an auxiliary storage device.

SOLUTION: A presort means 11 sorts an input **record** from an input file 21, stores a string being an intermediate result in a work file 22, and stores the key value of the leading **record** of each string in a string management **table** 31. A string selecting means 13 defines strings for the number of merge weigh in the order of the high **sort** priority order of the **key** value of the leading **record** as an object to be merged, and sets the **key** value whose **sort** priority order is the highest as a **record** output threshold value. A string merge means 12 operates the merge of the object to be merged, and outputs it, and when the key value of the merged **record** is beyond a **record** output threshold value, the string merge means 12

stores its as a new string in the work file 22.

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06226019 **Image available**
INFORMATION SORTING METHOD, DEVICE AND SYSTEM

PUB. NO.: 11-167581 [JP 11167581 A]
PUBLISHED: June 22, 1999 (19990622)
INVENTOR(s): HARA MASAMI
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APPLICANT(s): NTT DATA CORP
APPL. NO.: 09-334309 [JP 97334309]
FILED: December 04, 1997 (19971204)
INTL CLASS: G06F-017/30 ; G06F-007/24

ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide an information sorting device which can sort the texts with high accuracy.

SOLUTION: An information sorting device 1 includes a text input part 11, a word processing part 12, a vector processing part 13, a learning feature vector set file 14, a similarity processing part 15, a category decision part 16 and an external or internal document **data base** 17. The part 12 calculates the importance of category of every word that is extracted from a learning text based on both number of appearance and category frequencies of the word. The part 15 calculates the similarity of words based on the learning feature vector, the learning feature vector **set** and the **sorting** object text feature vector which are calculated based on the importance of words calculated at the part 12. The part 16 decides a prescribed number of **corresponding categories** as the **categories** of the **sorting** object texts based on the similarity having the largest calculation value. Then the **sorting** object texts **sorted** in each **category** are stored in the "**data base** 17.

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05051261 **Image available**
SORTING PROCESSOR AND SORTING PROCESSING METHOD

PUB. NO.: 08-006761 [JP 8006761 A]
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APPL. NO.: 06-138983 [JP 94138983]
FILED: June 21, 1994 (19940621)
INTL CLASS: [6] G06F-007/24
JAPIO CLASS: 45.1 (INFORMATION PROCESSING -- Arithmetic Sequence Units);
 45.2 (INFORMATION PROCESSING -- Memory Units)

ABSTRACT

PURPOSE: To provide the sorting processor and sorting processing method which can efficiently sort variable-length **records**.

CONSTITUTION: An input file 10 has plural **records** 10a, 10b, 10c, and 10d. A distributing means 1 decodes the **records** in the input file 10, one by one, and distributes the **records** so that an object **record** including a

reference key for sorting is added to the column of a sorted record group 20 and a record including no reference key is added to the column of an unsorted record group 30. A sorting means 2 sorts records 10a and 10c arrayed in the sorted record group 20 by using the key as a judgement reference and outputs the records in the order of sorting. A merging means 3 adds records 10b and 10d arrayed in the unsorted record group 30 to the records outputted from the sorting means 2 and outputs those records to an output file 40. Thus, only the records including the reference key for sorting are regarded as objects of sorting.

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03914886 **Image available**
CLASS SORTING DEVICE

PUB. NO.: 04-279986 [JP 4279986 A]
PUBLISHED: October 06, 1992 (19921006)
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APPL. NO.: 03-042008 [JP 9142008]
FILED: March 07, 1991 (19910307)
INTL CLASS: [5] G06K-009/62; G06F-015/70
JAPIO CLASS: 45.3 (INFORMATION PROCESSING -- Input Output Units); 45.4 (INFORMATION PROCESSING -- Computer Applications)
JOURNAL: Section: P, Section No. 1487, Vol. 17, No. 76, Pg. 110, February 16, 1993 (19930216)

ABSTRACT

PURPOSE: To perform class sorting with a less error and to improve sorting accuracy even when the correlation between classes is high.

CONSTITUTION: This class sorting device by template matching is provided with a first matching quantity calculating part 1 to compute the matching quantity to the template of education data based on the education data and the template, a data distribution model preparing part 2 to develop the matching quantity of the education data to the two-dimensional plane and prepare the distribution model of the data, an identification line defining part 3 to define the identification line to bisect the plane so that the distribution model of two classes can belong to two different areas, a second matching quantity calculating part 5 to compute the matching quantity for the template of the input data based on the input data and template and a class sorting means to classify the input data into two classes by using the identification line based on the matching quantity of the input data.

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03231329 **Image available**
METHOD FOR SORTING RECORD GROUP

PUB. NO.: 02-206829 [JP 2206829 A]
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APPL. NO.: 01-026573 [JP 8926573]
FILED: February 07, 1989 (19890207)
INTL CLASS: [5] G06F-007/24

JAPIO CLASS: 45.1 (INFORMATION PROCESSING -- Arithmetic Sequence Units);
45.2 (INFORMATION PROCESSING -- Memory Units)
JOURNAL: Section: P, Section No. 1125, Vol. 14, No. 500, Pg. 161,
October 31, 1990 (19901031)

ABSTRACT

PURPOSE: To obtain an objective sort result by conversion-processing the specified part of a **record** in accordance with the type of data, comparing respective data in a prescribed data type by means of a sort designation list so as to attain formation and inversely converting the **record** after formation.

CONSTITUTION: When a **key** 3 which follows the **sort** designation list 30 is **set**, an index order formation file 10 as an intermediate file and the index file are generated, and a result file 11 is generated. Then, one **record** is taken out from an original file 1 while an attribute list 2 is referred to, and a part of data to be sorted is converted and is written into the file 10. When the type of the list 30 is a character one, a conversion processing is not executed. When it is an integer one, a code bit is inverted. When it is not the integer type, it is decided to be a real number type, and the code bit 21 is inverted. When the bit 21 after inversion if '1', conversion is not executed since it is a positive number. When the bit 21 is '0', it is a positive number. When the bit 21 is '0', it is a negative number. Thus, a mantissa part 23 is inverted and the list 30 is terminated.

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02659729 **Image available**
SORTING SYSTEM FOR RECORD IN FILE

PUB. NO.: 63-276629 [JP 63276629 A]
PUBLISHED: November 14, 1988 (19881114)
INVENTOR(s): UEDA YOICHI
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(Japan)
APPL. NO.: 62-111939 [JP 87111939]
FILED: May 08, 1987 (19870508)
INTL CLASS: [4] G06F-007/24
JAPIO CLASS: 45.1 (INFORMATION PROCESSING -- Arithmetic Sequence Units);
45.2 (INFORMATION PROCESSING -- Memory Units)
JOURNAL: Section: P, Section No. 839, Vol. 13, No. 96, Pg. 8, March
07, 1989 (19890307)

ABSTRACT

PURPOSE: To eliminate the need of initial processing of a sort, and to shorten the sort processing time by preserving a necessary control data, etc. in a sort fixed information storing file, and reading only a **record** added newly to a sort input file by the sort processing of the second time and thereafter.

CONSTITUTION: When executing a **sort** processing by a **sort** parameter being different from the previous **sort** processing, a **sort** utilizing program 1 sets a new **sort** parameter to a **sort** parameter **table** 10, designates the **table** 10, and calls a sort processor 9. Also, when the same sort processing as the previous time is executed, the program 1 assigns a sort fixed information storing file 8 generated by the processor 9 instead of the **table** 10 and calls the processor 9. In such a way, at the time of executing sort processing of the second time and thereafter, only a **record** added newly to a sort input file is read and the sort processing is executed and the sort processing time of the second time and thereafter can be shortened.

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02509130 **Image available**

SORT PROCESSING SYSTEM

PUB. NO.: 63-126030 [JP 63126030 A]
PUBLISHED: May 30, 1988 (19880530)
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APPL. NO.: 61-271598 [JP 86271598]
FILED: November 14, 1986 (19861114)
INTL CLASS: [4] G06F-007/24
JAPIO CLASS: 45.1 (INFORMATION PROCESSING -- Arithmetic Sequence Units);
45.2 (INFORMATION PROCESSING -- Memory Units)
JOURNAL: Section: P, Section No. 769, Vol. 12, No. 380, Pg. 96,
October 12, 1988 (19881012)

ABSTRACT

PURPOSE: To effectively utilize the resource of a computer system and to shorten the execution time of sort processing by executing the sort processing by one main sort process and plural sub-sort processes.

CONSTITUTION: A sub-sort process forming mans 11 in the main sort process 1 divides data in the leading block number of an input file 4 into block groups 41-43 equal to the number of primary intermediate files 61-63 and forms sub- **sort** processes 31-33 **corresponding** to the block **groups** 41-43. When a replacing information storing means 2 confirms the end of the sort processing of all the formed processes 31-33, a merging means 12 inputs data **records** from the field 61-63 storing the **sorted** results of the processes 31-33, executes merge processing and outputs the final sorted result for all the data **records** in an input file 4 to an output file 5.

12/5/16 (Item 16 from file: 347)
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02468923 **Image available**

MULTI- KEY SORTER

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APPLICANT(s): TOSHIBA CORP [000307] (A Japanese Company or Corporation), JP
(Japan)
APPL. NO.: 61-230685 [JP 86230685]
FILED: September 29, 1986 (19860929)
INTL CLASS: [4] G06F-007/24
JAPIO CLASS: 45.1 (INFORMATION PROCESSING -- Arithmetic Sequence Units);
45.2 (INFORMATION PROCESSING -- Memory Units)
JOURNAL: Section: P, Section No. 752, Vol. 12, No. 323, Pg. 36,
September 02, 1988 (19880902)

ABSTRACT

PURPOSE: To attain multi- **key sorting** with a simple hardware constitution by rearranging an input **record key array** consisting of plural keys in an order corresponding to the **key priority** of multi- **key sorting** and **sorting** the string of rearranged input codes by regarding a rearranged key group as a single key.

CONSTITUTION: The 1st alignment module 12 for rearranging the input **record key array** consisting of plural keys in the order corresponding to the **key priority** of multi- **key sorting** is formed in the prestage of a sort module 11 which sorts an input **record sort** for a single **key** and the **sort** processing of the input **record string** whose keys are rearranged by the module 12 is executed by the **sort** module 11 by regarding the

rearranged key group as a single key. Since the single key to be used for the sort processing in the sort module 11 consists of plural keys (K2+K1+K3) arrayed in the order of the key priority for the multi-key sorting , the sort processing based upon the single key is equivalent to multi-key sorting .

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DIALOG(R) File 347:JAPIO

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02322332 **Image available**

SORTING -OUT SYSTEM FOR PLURAL RECORD CLASSES

PUB. NO.: 62-239232 [JP 62239232 A]

PUBLISHED: October 20, 1987 (19871020)

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APPL. NO.: 61-082731 [JP 8682731]

FILED: April 09, 1986 (19860409)

INTL CLASS: [4] G06F-007/24

JAPIO CLASS: 45.1 (INFORMATION PROCESSING -- Arithmetic Sequence Units);
45.2 (INFORMATION PROCESSING -- Memory Units)

JOURNAL: Section: P, Section No. 686, Vol. 12, No. 107, Pg. 101, April 07, 1988 (19880407)

ABSTRACT

PURPOSE: To shorten the sorting -out time by sorting out record groups at plural record classes with different classification keys in a lump without converting the type of data on keys.

CONSTITUTION: A replacement selection part 2b structures a tournament tree in an internal memory element, compares classification keys in each node of the tree with the aid of a key comparison mechanism 2f, and decides a winner and a loser. A record class comparison means 1a included in the key comparison mechanism compares the record class IDs of two records in the node. If the IDs are different, the smaller record class ID is decided to be a winner and the compared result is returned. When the record IDs are the same, a record class decision means 1b decides record classes, branches them into a record class key comparison means 1c at a corresponding class, and compares classification keys at each class. When the compared result is returned, a winner and a loser in each node can be decided.

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015493114 **Image available**

WPI Acc No: 2003-555261/200352

XRPX Acc No: N03-440981

Frequently asked question classifying method for providing helpdesk service, involves sorting dictionary terms in decreasing order of occurrence frequency within cluster

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Inventor: KREULEN J T; LESSLER J T; SANCHEZ M P; SPANGLER W S

Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001

Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
US 20030050908	A1	20030313	US 2001935473	A	20010822	200352 B

Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 2001935473 A 20010822

Patent Details:

Patent No	Kind	Lan	Pg	Main IPC	Filing Notes
US 20030050908	A1	13		G06F-007/00	

Abstract (Basic): US 20030050908 A1

NOVELTY - A dictionary including subset of words contained in a document set (106), is generated based on occurrence frequency of each word. The document set is partitioned into clusters containing dictionary terms which are sorted in decreasing order of occurrence frequency within the cluster. Terms that correspond to a predetermined level of detail, are selected, from the candidate dictionary terms.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - INDEPENDENT CLAIMS are also included for the following:

- (1) frequently asked question classifying system; and
- (2) computer program product for classifying frequently asked questions.

USE - For automatically classifying frequently asked questions for use in organization providing helpdesk service.

ADVANTAGE - Enables to save users considerable time and expense, by allowing the user to determine the content of the documents in the cluster, without having to look at all of the documents.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The figure shows the block diagram of a networked database system.

document set (106)
pp; 13 DwgNo 1/7

Title Terms: FREQUENT; QUESTION; CLASSIFY; METHOD; SERVICE; SORT;
DICTIONARY; TERM; DECREASE; ORDER; OCCUR; FREQUENCY; CLUSTER

Derwent Class: T01

International Patent Class (Main): G06F-007/00

File Segment: EPI

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014641665 **Image available**

WPI Acc No: 2002-462369/200249

XRPX Acc No: N02-364536

Sorting reduction method for database query management, involves selecting minimal set of ordering groups based on minimum sorting conditions of window function and accordingly sorting is carried out

Patent Assignee: ORACLE CORP (ORAC-N)

Inventor: GUPTA A

Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001

Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
US 6389410	B1	20020514	US 2000656905	A	20000907	200249 B

Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 2000656905 A 20000907

Patent Details:

Patent No	Kind	Lan	Pg	Main IPC	Filing Notes
US 6389410	B1	20	G06F-017/30		

Abstract (Basic): US 6389410 B1

NOVELTY - A minimal set of ordering groups representing a subset of a set of window function is selected relevant to a reduced number of sorting needed to satisfy sorting conditions of the window functions. A query result is generated by sorting query associated with minimal set of ordering groups .

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - An INDEPENDENT CLAIM is included for computer readable medium storing sorting instructions.

USE - For database query management in online decision support system.

ADVANTAGE - Minimizes number of sort operations, thereby simplifies management of very large query databases .

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The figure shows a flowchart illustrating the sorting reduction manufacture.

pp; 20 DwgNo 1/5

Title Terms: SORT; REDUCE; METHOD; DATABASE ; QUERY; MANAGEMENT; SELECT; MINIMUM; SET; ORDER; GROUP; BASED; MINIMUM; SORT; CONDITION; WINDOW; FUNCTION; ACCORD; SORT; CARRY

Derwent Class: T01
International Patent Class (Main): G06F-017/30
File Segment: EPI

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012019874 **Image available**

WPI Acc No: 1998-436784/199837

XRPX Acc No: N98-340325

Data sorting technique utilisation method for arranging records during software execution - involves selecting and sorting subsets based on acquired data corresponding to type information

Patent Assignee: IBM CORP (IBMC)

Inventor: DIETRICH W C; ERVOLINA T R; FASANO J P; TANG J

Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001

Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
US 5787001	A	19980728	US 95504626	A	19950720	199837 B

Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 95504626 A 19950720

Patent Details:

Patent No Kind Lan Pg Main IPC Filing Notes

US 5787001 A 25 G06F-011/00

Abstract (Basic): US 5787001 A

The method involves specifying one or more sets of data of predefined type. One or more functions associated with the type for selecting subsets of the data are also specified. For sorting the subsets, one or more criteria associated with the type are specified.

One or more sets with one or more selection functions is associated with corresponding sorting criteria subsets that are selected based on acquired data, which are sorted corresponding to the type information.

ADVANTAGE - Ensures easier and faster development process. Improves reliability.

Dwg.1/22

Title Terms: DATA; SORT; TECHNIQUE; UTILISE; METHOD; ARRANGE; RECORD ; SOFTWARE; EXECUTE; SELECT; SORT; SUBSET; BASED; ACQUIRE; DATA; CORRESPOND ; TYPE; INFORMATION

Derwent Class: T01

International Patent Class (Main): G06F-011/00

International Patent Class (Additional): G06F-009/00

File Segment: EPI

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011441239 **Image available**

WPI Acc No: 1997-419146/199739

XRPX Acc No: N97-349030

Sorting processor for variable length records stored in computer - has sorting unit to sort records of sorting record group based on specific key

Patent Assignee: FUJITSU LTD (FUIT)

Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001

Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
JP 8006761	A	19960112	JP 94138983	A	19940621	199739 B

Priority Applications (No Type Date): JP 94138983 A 19940621

Patent Details:

Patent No Kind Lan Pg Main IPC Filing Notes

JP 8006761 A 6

Abstract (Basic): JP 8006761 A

The processor has an allocation unit (1) to decode records (10a-10d) of an input file (10) individually. The records which contain a specific key, are added to a sorting record group (20). The records which do not contain the specific key, are added to an unsorting record group (30).

A sorting unit (2) sorts the records of the sorting record group based on the specific key. The sorted records are then output to which an adder (3) adds the records of the unsorting record group. The output of the adder is output from an output file.

ADVANTAGE - Sorts records of varying length quickly and efficiently and with small memory area.

Dwg.1/7

Title Terms: SORT; PROCESSOR; VARIABLE; LENGTH; RECORD ; STORAGE; COMPUTER ; SORT; UNIT; SORT; RECORD ; SORT; RECORD ; GROUP; BASED; SPECIFIC; KEY

Derwent Class: T01

International Patent Class (Main): G06F-007/24

File Segment: EPI

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009316878 **Image available**

WPI Acc No: 1993-010342/199302

XRPX Acc No: N93-007783

Sorting on distributed database system - assigning number of sections into which distribution range of key values of records of database is partitioned to number of second processors

Patent Assignee: HITACHI LTD (HITA)

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Number of Countries: 004 Number of Patents: 006

Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week	
EP 522488	A2	19930113	EP 92111457	A	19920707	199302	B
EP 522488	A3	19930526	EP 92111457	A	19920707	199403	
US 5842207	A	19981124	US 92911617	A	19920710	199903	
EP 522488	B1	20020220	EP 92111457	A	19920707	200214	
DE 69232425	E	20020328	DE 632425	A	19920707	200229	
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JP 3395208	B2	20030407	JP 92183453	A	19920710	200324	

Priority Applications (No Type Date): JP 91169661 A 19910710

Cited Patents: No-SR.Pub; EP 127753; EP 377993; US 3611316

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Designated States (Regional): DE GB

DE 69232425 E G06F-007/24 Based on patent EP 522488

JP 3395208 B2 19 G06F-017/30 Previous Publ. patent JP 5242049

Abstract (Basic): EP 522488 A

The method involves assigning a number of sections into which the distribution range of key values of records of the database is partitioned to a number of second processors (204) in the first set of processors (203). The key values of the records of the portions of the data base held in the first set of processors (203), and information for representing storage positions of the records are transferred to the second set of processors (204) to which the records belong, are assigned.

The number of key values, which have been received, are sorted in the second set of processors (204) to produce key tables (212)

in which information for representing the storage positions of the records which has been received is registered together with the sorted key values, as the sorting result.

USE/ADVANTAGE - In distributed database system. Improve efficiency of sort processing.

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Dwg.1/13

Title Terms: SORT; DISTRIBUTE; DATABASE ; SYSTEM; ASSIGN; NUMBER; SECTION; DISTRIBUTE; RANGE; KEY; VALUE; RECORD ; DATABASE ; PARTITION; NUMBER; SECOND; PROCESSOR

Derwent Class: T01

International Patent Class (Main): G06F-007/24 ; G06F-017/30

International Patent Class (Additional): G06F-012/00

File Segment: EPI

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WPI Acc No: 1992-209790/199226

XRPX Acc No: N92-159114

Method of controlling deferred request execution data processing system - associating with each request sets of attributes which have relative priorities and sort criteria to allow request to be prioritised

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Number of Countries: 002 Number of Patents: 005

Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week	
EP 491642	A2	19920624	EP 91480165	A	19911025	199226	B
CA 2053969	A	19920521	CA 2053969	A	19911022	199232	
EP 491642	A3	19921014	EP 91480165	A	19911025	199340	
US 5448731	A	19950905	US 90616164	A	19901120	199541	
CA 2053969	C	19960806	CA 2053969	A	19911022	199642	

Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 90616164 A 19901120

Cited Patents: No-SR.Pub; 1.Jnl.Ref; EP 362106; EP 371610; US 4642756

Patent Details:

Patent No	Kind	Lan Pg	Main IPC	Filing Notes
EP 491642	A2	E	10	G06F-009/46
US 5448731	A		9	G06F-007/00
CA 2053969	A			G06F-009/00
EP 491642	A3			G06F-009/46
CA 2053969	C			G06F-009/00

Abstract (Basic): EP 491642 A

The method involves establishing a deferred application request service within a data processing system. The distributed data processing system has resources, such as a **database**, which can accept requests to be processed at some point in the future. The deferred application request service operates on a Precedent Vector Object (PVO, 60). The PVO includes a number of rows and columns. The rows represent different use attributes (70) with column A having the highest priority. A criteria operator (72) indicates the sorting order for the columns for each attribute.

The different requests are sorted by attribute and criteria to determine the order in which to process the requests.

USE/ADVANTAGE - Provides more flexible and controllable method of ordering requests than first-in first-out approach.

Dwg.3/5

Title Terms: METHOD; CONTROL; DEFER; REQUEST; EXECUTE; DATA; PROCESS; SYSTEM; ASSOCIATE; REQUEST; SET; ATTRIBUTE; RELATIVE; PRIORITY; SORT; CRITERIA; ALLOW; REQUEST

Derwent Class: T01

International Patent Class (Main): G06F-007/00 ; G06F-009/46

International Patent Class (Additional): G06F-015/16

File Segment: EPI

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WPI Acc No: 1989-101578/198914

XRPX Acc No: N89-077495

Multi-lingual ordered data retrieval system - has common index of sort keys , ordered according to set criteria, each indicating entry in data store with which it is associated

Patent Assignee: NORTHERN TELECOM LTD (NELE)

Inventor: DCRUZ M G; KULINEK E; LEE E

Number of Countries: 007 Number of Patents: 003

Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
EP 310283	A	19890405	EP 88308696	A	19880920	198914 B
CA 1280215	C	19910212				199112
US 5148541	A	19920915	US 87133768	A	19871216	199240
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Priority Applications (No Type Date): CA 548048 A 19870928

Cited Patents: 3.Jnl.Ref; A3...9134; No-SR.Pub

Patent Details:

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EP 310283 A E 57

Designated States (Regional): DE FR GB NL SE

US 5148541 A 41 G06F-007/08 Cont of application US 87133768

Abstract (Basic): EP 310283 A

The multilingual **database** (60) comprises a data store (62) for storing multilingual data. A common index (63) of **sort keys** (163) is provided where the keys are ordered according to predetermined criteria and each **sort key** has an indication (67) of an entry in the data store with which it is associated. The predetermined criteria includes a master alphabetical **sort order** for all the languages supported by a multilingual character **set** used in the **database**.

The predetermined criteria also includes both a master alphabetical **sort order** for all the languages supported by a multilingual character **set** used in the **database** and accent priority.

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Title Terms: MULTI; LINGUAL; ORDER; DATA; RETRIEVAL; SYSTEM; COMMON; INDEX; SORT; KEY; ORDER; ACCORD; SET; CRITERIA; INDICATE; ENTER; DATA; STORAGE; ASSOCIATE

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S4	12358	S3(10N)SORT???
S5	2144	SORT???(5N)(FIELD? ? OR KEY? ? OR MENU? ? OR BUTTON? ?)
S6	1145	S3(5N)SORT???(5N)(SEPARATE?? OR DIFFERENT? OR DISTINCT?? - OR OWN OR ITSELF)
S7	1231	S3(5N)(ASSOCIAT? OR CORRESPOND? OR CORRELAT? OR RELAT?? OR APPLICABLE OR MATCH?? OR MAP????)(5N)SORT???
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S9	44	S8/TI,AB,CM
S10	197	S8 NOT S9
S11	45	SORT???(TI,AB AND S10

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00769888

PRIORITY QUEUE FILTERING SYSTEM AND METHOD OF OPERATION
SYSTEM ZUM FILTERN VON PRIORITYSWARTE SCHLANGEN UND BETRIEBSVERFAHREN
SYSTEME DE FILTRAGE DE FILE D'ATTENTE PRIORITAIRE ET PROCEDE DE MISE EN
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CLAIMS B	(French)	9853	1129
SPEC B	(English)	9853	3868
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Total word count - document B			6963
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... CLAIMS of data records (16,18) according to the fixed preferences associated with each data record.

14. The method of Claim 13, wherein the step of **sorting** (38) further comprises **sorting** the remaining **set** (12) of data **records** according to additional criteria **associated** with each data **record**

15. The method of Claim 12, further comprising the step of selecting (30) the plurality of fixed preferences associated with the plurality of data records...

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Sorting method
Sortierverfahren

Methode de tri

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DESIGNATED STATES: DE; FR; GB

INTERNATIONAL PATENT CLASS: G06F-007/24;

ABSTRACT EP 699994 A1

A method is described for operating a computer to **sort** a **set** of data **records** each having an **associated key** for governing the **sort** process, the method comprising determining a range for the key values by sampling the key values; defining a plurality of buckets, each bucket corresponding to a respective one of a plurality M of subintervals in the range, and two edge buckets for key values outside the range, each subinterval having a respective index; distributing the keys among the buckets by determining directly from each key value the index of the subinterval into which the key value falls; and processing the buckets in sequence in order to **sort** the **records**, **sorting** the **keys** in each bucket if the bucket contains more than one key. (see image in original document)

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...ABSTRACT A1

A method is described for operating a computer to **sort** a set of data **records** each having an **associated key** for governing the **sort** process, the method comprising determining a range for the key values by sampling the key values; defining a plurality of buckets, each bucket corresponding to...

...directly from each key value the index of the subinterval into which the key value falls; and processing the buckets in sequence in order to **sort** the **records**, **sorting** the **keys** in each bucket if the bucket contains more than one key. (see image in original document) ...

...CLAIMS A1

1. A method for operating a computer to **sort** a set of data **records** each having an **associated key** for governing the **sort** process, the method comprising determining a range for the key values by sampling the key values; defining a plurality of buckets, each bucket corresponding to...

...directly from each key value the index of the subinterval into which the key value falls; and processing the buckets in sequence in order to **sort** the **records**, **sorting** the **keys** in each bucket if the bucket contains more than one key.

2. A method as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the size and spacing...

...samples whether a substantial number of the keys share a common prefix, and, if so, dividing the keys into subsets, one of which comprises all **keys** sharing the common prefix and **sorting** the key subsets **separately**.

9. Data processing apparatus for **sorting** a set of data **records** each having an **associated key** for governing the **sort** process, the apparatus comprising means for determining a range for the key values by sampling the key values; means for defining a plurality of buckets...

...value the index of the subinterval into which the key value falls, the apparatus being arranged to processing the buckets in sequence in order to **sort** the **records**, **sorting** the **keys** in each bucket if the bucket contains more than one key. ...

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00572092

Method for ordering mail items

Methode zum Ordnen von Poststücken

Pocede pour ranger des articles postaux

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ABSTRACT EP 575032 A2

The group data and order data items of each of cards (2) transferred one by one are read by a reader (6), and then stored in a memory (51) under the control of a control circuit (50) of a handling apparatus in which each card is sorted into that one of the regulating box groups (8a - 8n) which corresponds to the read group data and cards sorted into each box group are received one by one in a plurality of regulating boxes, and in which the memory (51) stores the relation between the regulating boxes and order data items, a time table (51a) prestores data on a transfer time period corresponding to the distance between each regulating box and a discharge reference point of a corresponding exit transfer passage, and the discharge order of the cards is determined by the control circuit (50) by use of the order data and transfer-time data, thereby to discharge cards, arranged in order, into collecting sections (9a - 9n). (see image in original document)

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...ABSTRACT 6), and then stored in a memory (51) under the control of a control circuit (50) of a handling apparatus in which each card is sorted into that one of the regulating box groups (8a - 8n) which corresponds to the read group data and cards sorted into each box group are received one by one in a plurality of regulating boxes, and in which the memory (51) stores the relation between the regulating boxes and order data items, a time table (51a) prestores data on a transfer time period corresponding to the distance between each regulating box and a discharge reference point of a corresponding exit...

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Sorting method.

Sortierverfahren.

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INTERNATIONAL PATENT CLASS: G06F-007/24;

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CITED REFERENCES (EP A):

PROCEEDINGS 1986 ACM 14TH ANNUAL COMPUTER SCIENCE CONFERENCE 4 February
1986, NEW YORK page 480 BREWER 'An order f(K)N sort'
US-I-T913007 (MCKELLAR, 14-08-73);

ABSTRACT EP 551691 A1

A method of operating a computer to sort a set of keys each associated with a corresponding record comprises partitioning the keys into subsets and sorting each subset of keys in a predefined sequence, wherein said partitioning is into subsets each containing keys having a distinct codeword relative to a selected one of the set of keys. In an embodiment the selected key is selected by randomly sampling the keys to determine a typical key and selecting that key. If a typical key cannot be identified a conventional MSB sorting method is used. The method is applied recursively to fully sort a set of keys. (see image in original document)

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...ABSTRACT A1

A method of operating a computer to sort a set of keys each associated with a corresponding record comprises partitioning the keys into subsets and sorting each subset of keys in a predefined sequence, wherein said partitioning is into subsets each containing keys having a distinct codeword relative to a selected one of the set...

...and selecting that key. If a typical key cannot be identified a conventional MSB sorting method is used. The method is applied recursively to fully sort a set of keys. (see image in original document)

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00367287

Data base management system and method therefor

Datenbankverwaltungssystem und Verfahren hierfür

Système de gestion de base de données et méthode correspondante

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DISTRIBUTED SYSTEMS 5 December 1988, AUSTIN, USA pages 202 - 209; M.
SAMY GAMAL-ELDIN ET AL: 'Integrating Relational Databases with Support
for Updates'

7TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VERY LARGE DATA BASES 9 September 1981,
CANNES, FRANCE pages 2 - 12; C. J. DATE: 'REFERENTIAL INTEGRITY'
THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON COMPUTERS AND APPLICATIONS,
23rd-27th June 1987, Beijing, CN, pages 733-741; K.K. CHAN et al.: "An
implementation algorithm for integrity enforcement";

CITED REFERENCES (EP B):

PROCEEDINGS INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON DATABASES IN PARALLEL AND
DISTRIBUTED SYSTEMS 5 December 1988, AUSTIN, USA pages 202 - 209; M.
SAMY GAMAL-ELDIN ET AL: 'Integrating Relational Databases with Support
for Updates'

7TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VERY LARGE DATA BASES 9 September 1981,
CANNES, FRANCE pages 2 - 12; C. J. DATE: 'Referential Integrity'
THE 2ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON COMPUTERS AND APPLICATIONS, June
23-27, 1987, BEIJING, CHINA, pages 733-741; K.K. CHAN et al.: "An
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ABSTRACT EP 351210 A2

A method is disclosed for deferring enforcement of referential constraints in large-scale data base operations such as the population or loading of relational tables 10, 12. First, the new rows are loaded in a Data Load phase 24 into the tables , and information on the new rows and their constraints is extracted and sorted 26 into a sorted key data set 68. Any primary indexes 22 required for constraint checking are then updated 28 using the sorted key data set . The new rows are then checked 70 for constraint violations, such violations are rectified 72 to restore the table 's referential integrity, and a deletion data set 80 is produced. The deletion data set is merged and sorted 86 with row information 53 stored during loading, and the result is used to copy 88 the new rows violating referential constraints to a separate discard data set 48 where they can be corrected and reloaded into the table . Finally, an error summary report 36 is generated for use in correcting the discard data set. (see image in original document)

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...ABSTRACT A2

A method is disclosed for deferring enforcement of referential constraints in large-scale data base operations such as the population or loading of relational tables 10, 12. First, the new rows are loaded in a Data Load phase 24 into the tables, and information on the new rows and their constraints is extracted and sorted 26 into a sorted key data set 68. Any primary indexes 22 required for constraint checking are then updated 28 using the sorted key data set. The new rows are then checked 70 for constraint violations, such violations are rectified 72 to restore the table's referential integrity, and a deletion data set 80 is produced. The deletion data set is merged and sorted 86 with row information 53 stored during loading, and the result is used to copy 88 the new rows violating referential constraints to a separate discard data set 48 where they can be corrected and reloaded into the table. Finally, an error summary report 36 is generated for use in correcting the discard data set. (see image in original document)

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00064170

Method of qualifying and sorting file record data in a text processing system.

Verfahren zur Qualifizierung und Sortierung von Informationen von einem Aufzeichnungssatzesspeicher in einem Textverarbeitungssystem.

Methode pour qualifier et classer l'information de fichier d'enregistrements dans un systeme de traitement de texte.

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DESIGNATED STATES: DE; FR; GB; IT

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ABSTRACT EP 65114 A2

Method of qualifying and sorting file record data in a text processing system.

Record data on a disk file (80) is sorted by means of an algorithm

that transfers such records on the basis of rank to a sort buffer (64) on the basis of qualifying criteria. Each qualified file record from I/O buffer (82) is compared with the lowest ranked record previously transferred and located in the sort buffer (64). When a higher ranked record is identified it is transferred into the buffer (64) at a location based on qualification. Lower ranked records are deleted from the sort buffer (54) if space does not permit the storing of such records within the space available. When the sort buffer (64) has been loaded with the highest ranked records without overflowing the sort buffer (64) can be unloaded to the disk file (80). To minimize recycle time, a presort algorithm is run to set record identifying bits in a bit map section of the sort buffer, such that each time the contents of the sort buffer (64) is output the record identifying bits for the records are reset to a second state. The second state of a record identifying bit indicates that that record will not be considered for future passes through the sort routine.

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...ABSTRACT A2

Method of qualifying and sorting file record data in a text processing system.

Record data on a disk file (80) is sorted by means of an algorithm that transfers such records on the basis of rank to a sort buffer (64) on the basis of qualifying criteria. Each qualified file record from I/O buffer (82) is compared with the lowest ranked record previously transferred and located in the sort buffer (64). When a higher ranked record is identified it is transferred into the buffer (64) at a location based on qualification. Lower ranked records are deleted from the sort buffer (54) if space does not permit the storing of such records within the space available. When the sort buffer (64) has been loaded with the highest ranked records without overflowing the sort buffer (64) can be unloaded to the disk file (80). To minimize recycle time, a presort algorithm is run to set record identifying bits in a bit map section of the sort buffer, such that each time the contents of the sort buffer (64) is output the record identifying bits for the records are reset to a second state. The second state of a record identifying bit indicates that that record will not be considered for future passes through the sort routine.

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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DISPLAYING INFORMATION

PROCEDE ET APPAREIL PERMETTANT D'AFFICHER DES INFORMATIONS

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English Abstract

The present invention relates to a method and an apparatus for displaying text information in different sort orders. The method comprises the steps of selecting one of a plurality of sort order criteria; sorting a plurality of string objects based on the selected sort order; and displaying the string objects in selected **sort** order. The string objects may further be divided into **groups**, and the string objects of the selected group are displayed in a manner that is different from the manner of displaying the string objects of other groups or the cursor is moved to the location of string objects of the selected **group**. The user may use **different sort orders** and **groups** to find out the desired **record**.

French Abstract

La presente invention concerne un procede et un appareil permettant d'afficher des informations de texte dans des ordres de tri differents. Ce procede consiste a selectionner un ou plusieurs criteres d'ordres de tri differents, a trier une pluralite d'objets de chaine a partir de l'ordre de tri selectionne et a afficher ces objets de chaine dans l'ordre de tri selectionne. Les objets de chaine peuvent aussi etre divises en groupes, et les objets de chaine du groupe selectionne sont affiches d'une facon differente de celle des objets de chaine des autres groupes ou le curseur est deplace au niveau des objet de chaine du groupe selectionne. L'utilisateur peut se servir d'ordres de tri differents et de groupes pour trouver l'enregistrement recherche.

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...a plurality of sort order criteria; sorting a plurality of string objects based on the selected sort order; and displaying the string objects in selected sort order. The string objects may further be divided into groups, and the string objects of the selected group are displayed in a manner that is different from the manner of displaying the string objects of other groups or the cursor is moved to the location of string objects of the selected group. The user may use different sort orders and groups to find out the desired record.

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PERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICE FOR SCHEDULING PRESENTATION OF DIGITAL CONTENT

PROCEDE ET APPAREIL DE PLANIFICATION DE LA PRESENTATION D'UN CONTENU NUMERIQUE SUR UN DISPOSITIF DE COMMUNICATION PERSONNEL

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English Abstract

A communication network client device (D1, D2, D3, D4, D5, DN) having a software scheduling agent. The software scheduling agent is part of a probabilistic modeling system in which the scheduler operates to perform constrained random variation with selection. Digital content is generated, organized, and stored on the communication network devices

(C1, C2, CN). An electronic digital content wrapper, which holds information in the form of data and metadata related to the digital content is associated with each item of digital content. Contextual profile of each user and each item of digital content are established by the users (U1, U2, U3, U4, U5, UN) and the network and maintained by a service provider (NC1) on the communication network and will be digitally packaged and presented to particular users (U1, U2, U3, U4, U5, UN) over those user's client devices (D1, D2, D3, D4, D5, DN) after a comparison and determination processing means.

French Abstract

L'invention concerne un procede et un appareil dans lesquels reside un agent de planification de logiciel sur un reseau de communication et/ou un dispositif client, tel que des appareils de communication sans fil tenant compte de la position, des postes de television, ou d'autres dispositifs client d'utilisateur final. L'agent de planification logiciel fait partie d'un systeme de modelisation probabiliste dans lequel le planificateur agit de maniere a executer une variation aleatoire contrainte avec selection. Le contenu numerique est genere, organise, et stocke sur un reseau de communication et/ou des dispositifs client. Un emballeur de contenu numerique electronique, qui contient des informations sous forme de donnees et de metadonnees liees au contenu numerique est associe a chaque article du contenu numerique. Les profils contextuels pour chaque utilisateur et chaque article de contenu numerique sont etablis par les utilisateurs et le reseau et conserve par un fournisseur de service sur un reseau de communication. L'agent de planification logiciel compare le profil de contenu numerique contextuel de chaque article de contenu numerique au profil d'utilisateur contextuel de chaque utilisateur afin de determiner quel contenu numerique devrait etre offert pour la presentation de chaque utilisateur. La comparaison et la determination des articles de contenu numerique devant etre offert pour la presentation des utilisateurs est effectuee par un procede de variation aleatoire contrainte. Une fois que l'agent de planification logiciel a determine les articles de contenu numerique les plus importants ou les plus interessants pour l'utilisateur, le contenu numerique est transmis, en entier ou en partie, a des intervalles de temps definis, via un reseau de communication aux dispositifs client appropries. Le contenu numerique est ensuite stocke, en entier ou en partie, dans une memoire cache sur le dispositif client jusqu'a un intervalle de temps approprie lorsque le contenu numerique est integre de facon numerique et presente a des utilisateurs particuliers via des dispositifs client d'utilisateur.

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Claims

Claim

... each digital content element possibly having hundreds of wrapper elements. Network 1 1 may require that members, including users and network affiliates, enter or select **category** designations or **key** words to allow **sorting** and analysis of the content subjects. Alternatively, a software agent could be established which parses the digital content or the associated wrappers and infers the...privacy block 406. Figure 1 L in the drawings is a tabular representation of a novel contextual user profile according to the present invention. A **table** 407 has a user/appliance column 409 which lists each appliance 351, 353, 355, 357, 359, and 361. Contextual user profiles 411, 413, 415, 417; 419, and 421 are represented by the rows of **table** 407, and correspond to appliances 351, 353, 355, 357, 359, and 361 I respectively. Contextual user profiles 411, 413, 415, 417, 419, and 421 go...

...of location, time, and personal likes and dislikes. The broad diversity of contextual user profiles 411, 413, 415, 417, 419, and 421 is depicted in **table 407**. The user of appliance 351 has the following exemplary static data components: biographical data B1 , demographic data DM3, and cultural data C1; the fnlirmiinn...

...and the following soft dynamic data components: food preferences daia F3, entertainment preferences data E2, relationship preferences data R1 , and privacy blocks P3. Continuing with- **table 407** of Figure 1 L, the user of appliance 357 has the following exemplary static data components: biographical data B1 , demographic data DM2, and cultural...

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ACCESS BY CONTENT BASED COMPUTER SYSTEM
SYSTEME INFORMATIQUE INVERSE A ACCES PAR CONTENU PLUTOT QUE PAR ADRESSE ET
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Content-accessible method and system for operation of a computer. The three main parts of this invention include, first, a method for defining, classifying and indexing content; second, a method for designating all real numbers such that they can be arranged easily in a monotonic fashion; and third, a fast, linear method of sorting through the content according to the associated monotonic real numbers. The problem of ergonomics is solved by a simple dialogue box and a button asking for some "advanced" search. The possibility of searching by "themes" is added to this. A theme is defined by words, expressions or texts and is used to get pertinent information. The system uses semantics: the meaning of words. When searching for a theme, one does a Boolean OR on the words of the theme, or a selection of the most pertinent of them associated with the proximity constraint: at least N words must be in the same paragraph. The results are then sorted by pertinence to reduce the noise. FOCUS is not a full text engine as it detects groups of words, words roots,

synonyms, "concepts" (Focusers) and stores all these in its repository. Every "knowledge" is extracted on data input and stored in the FOCUS repository. Analysis implies identification of the data format, decoding of it, detecting language on textual information, running the linguistic procedures and storing the result according to FOCUS input format.

French Abstract

L'invention concerne un procede et un systeme accessibles par contenu, utiles pour l'exploitation d'un ordinateur. Les trois parties principales de l'invention comprennent : premierement, un procede servant a definir, a classer et a indexer du contenu ; deuxiemement, un procede de designation de tous les nombres reels qui permette de classer ceux-ci facilement de maniere monotone ; et troisiemement, un procede lineaire rapide de tri du contenu en fonction des nombres reels monotones associes. La question d'ergonomie est resolue au moyen d'une boite de dialogue simple et d'un bouton de demande de recherche "avancee"; une possibilite de recherche par "themes" y est ajoutee. Un theme est defini par des mots, des expressions ou des textes et est utilise pour obtenir des informations pertinentes. Le systeme utilise la semantique : la signification des mots. Lors de la recherche d'un theme, une fonction OU booleenne est appliquee aux mots du theme, ou a une selection des mots les plus pertinents associee a la contrainte de proximite : au moins N mots doivent se trouver dans le meme paragraphe. Les resultats sont ensuite tries par pertinence pour reduire le bruit. "FOCUS" n'est pas un moteur de recherche sur texte integral puisqu'il detecte des groupes de mots, des racines de mots, des synonymes, des "concepts" ("Focusers") et stocke tous ces elements dans son organe de depot. Chaque <= connaissance >= est extraite d'entrees de donnees et stockee dans l'organe de depot de "FOCUS". Une analyse implique l'identification du format de donnees, le decodage de celui-ci, la detection de la langue des informations textuelles, l'execution de procedures linguistiques et le stockage des resultats dans le format d'entree de "FOCUS".

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Claims

Claim

... to express the request as the user likes (Query 104), (2) getting pertinent and immediate information 105. The content accessible information functionally resides in a **repository** 106. These last two points define what may be considered an ideal information retrieval system.

Point I is mainly a matter of ergonomics. A simple...

...be recorded as contents. They are part of the items of the computer system that carry a meaning. For instance, for each filename, one will record the complete path along with all of

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its components: drive ID, directory names, directory extensions, file name, file extension and every word in these...

...a retrieval system to access all elements stored. (E) Doing all this as close to a real-time as possible. Instant retrieval means building a **repository** with direct access to all its information contents. Having

user's accesses, the shorter the time will be to I/O run a backup procedure. When backing up, the watchdog keeps on working but the feeding process is stopped so that the copy involves a known situation. Then the repositories are copied. The more we have, the smaller they will be and the shorter the backup time.

RepositoEy (Index) Management

15 incremental/decremental index updating w/o copying the index

Usually an update to a repository triggers a periodical update of the repository itself. This implies that the space made available is twice as much as what is needed. The FOCUS routines are doing their own "garbage collection" which eliminates the need of copying a repository to get rid of its slack.

20 caching indexes for real-time indexin

Not sorting the input data directly into the final repository allows a faster sort and a faster production of a "cache" repository that can be quickly accessed, thus providing almost real-time access to recorded or received information.

use of monotonic access methods on index files including...

...was unsuccessful. This allows the calling program to decide on the next call to be made (see the substitution process).

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izeneralized indexing of databases

This is where references to table / record replace reference to file names

automatic references nionl--itoring for real-time indexin

Intercepting Operating system calls on file openings, file closing, writing to 5...

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GROUP TARGETED CONTENT PERSONALIZATION

PERSONNALISATION DU CONTENU POUR GROUPE EN COMMUN

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English Abstract

Group Targeted Content Personalization (GTCP) is a multi-dimensional categorization of content taxonomy and user-affiliation which generates personalized web home pages for individuals. The web pages are personalized both by the audience type of a user and by the personal preferences of the user. A content database may include measurements of content quality, which can be used to sort displayed content for the

user.

French Abstract

La personnalisation du contenu pour groupe en commun (PCGC) consiste à effectuer une categorisation multidimensionnelle de la taxinomie du contenu et de l'appartenance utilisateur générant une page web d'accueil personnalisée pour des individus. Les pages web sont personnalisées par les destinataires (utilisateur) et par les préférences personnelles de l'utilisateur. Une base de données du contenu comprend des mesures de la qualité du contenu servant à trier le contenu affiché à l'écran.

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Claims

Claim

... returning only those portions of the selected pages corresponding to the user's audience type. 1 8 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising **sorting** a group of identifiers on a page **associated** with a single audience classification according to value of their associated content items. 22 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the value of the...

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METHOD OF SORTING AND COMPRESSING DATA

PROCEDE DE TRI ET DE COMPRESSION DE DONNEES

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English Abstract

A method for sorting data in a computer data storage system that has particular advantages in implementing a **key** index tree structure. The **sorting** method uses buffer-size substrings (step 90) to **sort** strings of **key records** (step 91) into a list structure that can be directly transformed into an index tree. The **sorting** method also may be used for **sorting** large **sets** of data **records** in place on a computer storage system. The method further integrates prefix compression (step 92) and suffix compression (step 99) of **key records** with the **sorting** method to reduce the number of input/output operations required to create a more compact key index structure.

French Abstract

L'invention porte sur un procédé de tri de données dans un système de stockage d'informations qui présente certains avantages pour la mise en œuvre d'une structure arborescente d'index clé. Ledit procédé de tri utilise des sous-chaines (étape 90) de la taille d'un tampon pour trier des chaînes d'enregistrements clés (étape 91) et former une structure des

listes enchainees qui peut etre transformee directement en arbre d'index. Ce procede de tri peut egalement etre utilise pour trier des ensembles importants de donnees a la place d'un systeme de stockage informatique. L'invention concerne egalement un procede de compression prefixee (etape 92) et la compression suffixee (etape 99) d'enregistrements cles au moyen de la methode de tri afin de reduire le nombre d'operations d'entree/sortie requises pour creer une structure arborescente d'index cle plus compacte.

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Claims

English Abstract

A method for sorting data in a computer data storage system that has particular advantages in implementing a **key** index tree structure. The **sorting** method uses buffer-size substrings (step 90) to **sort** strings of **key records** (step 91) into a list structure that can be directly transformed into an index tree. The **sorting** method also may be used for **sorting** large sets of data records in place on a computer storage system. The method further integrates prefix compression (step 92) and suffix compression (step 99) of **key records** with the **sorting** method to reduce the number of input/output operations required to create a more compact key index tree structure.

Claim

... the
steps of:
(1) reading part of the data from the storage system
into a pre-sort buffer;
(2) sorting the data in the pre- sort buffer;
(3) generating substring pointer fields for the sorted
data in the pre-sort buffer at intervals corre-
sponding to a determined substring length,, with
each substring pointer field being set to indicate the...data strings,,
each
comprising a plurality of substrings,, stored on the
storage system;
(b) merging the data in place on the storage system into a **set**
of logically linked, **sorted** ,, compressed substrings,,
including the steps of:
(1) allocating in the memory means at least two input
buffers and one output buffer each of a length...

...for all sub
strings of the plurality of data strings and all new
substrings until all of the data therein is merged,
thereby generating a **set** of compressed substrings
linked in **sorted** logical order by means of the sub
string pointer fields;
(c) generating a key index compressed multi-node tree
structure for the data in the **sorted** **set** of substrings
stored on the storage system, including the steps of:
(1) establishing at least a first level branch node **table**
for temporarily storing location reference
information indicative of the location of selected
data in the storage system;
(2) reading into a tree index buffer the...

...for a selected
portion of the data in the tree index buffer and
storing the location reference in the first level of the
branch node **table** ;
(4) when the first level branch node **table** is full, writing
the contents of the branch node **table** to the

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IMPROVED SORTING METHOD

PROCEDE AMELIORE DE TRI

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English Abstract

A method is disclosed which provides for sorting computer data records in a minimum amount of time. Records are sorted according to their keys, typically from the most significant digit, or character, to the least significant. The records are placed in or associated with various bins depending on the character on which the record is presently being sorted (3-17). These bins are linked together (20-44) and appended to a front section when they are completely sorted (45). A first process (3-17) in the present invention involves testing for equality between characters in adjacent records, and if equality does exist, not performing numerous otherwise necessary but tedious and time consuming procedures. A second process (3-17, 20-44) involves the use of an auxiliary or ''bins used'' table to identify the bins actually used in the current group of records. This auxiliary table is used to determine which bins to process if only a few bins are used. These two novel processes independently and in combination result in a reliably faster and more efficient sorting procedure than previously known, and may be applied to any type of bin type sorting procedure.

French Abstract

On decrit un procede permettant de trier des enregistrements de donnees informatiques dans un laps de temps minimum. Les enregistrements sont tries en fonction de leurs cles, et plus precisement du chiffre ou caractere le plus significatif du chiffre ou caractere le moins significatif. Les enregistrements sont places dans ou associes avec diverses cases selon le caractere sur lequel se fonde le tri en cours (3-17). Ces cases sont regroupees (20-44) et annexees a une section frontale lorsqu'elles ont ete completement triees (45). Une premiere etape (3-7) de la presente invention consiste a rechercher une egalite entre des caracteres situes dans des enregistrements adjacents, et s'il y a egalite, a ne pas effectuer nombre d'autres procedures longues et laborieuses qui, en d'autres circonstances, seraient necessaires. Une seconde etape (3-17, 20-44) consiste a utiliser une table auxiliaire ou ''de cases utilisees'' pour identifier les cases reellement utilisees dans le groupe donne d'enregistrement. Cette table auxiliaire permet de determiner quelles sont les cases a traiter lorsque quelques cases seulement sont utilisees. Ces deux nouveaux procedes, que ce soit independamment ou en combinaison, peuvent s'appliquer a tous les types de procedure de tri par cases et constituent une procedure fiable de tri, plus rapide et plus efficace que les autres procedures connues a ce jour.

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Claims

Claim

... in that said threshold level is between approximately three percent and approximately twenty-five percent of said M number of bins,

5 In a bin **sorting** method for computing equipment by **sorting** a **group** of records comprised of a **group** of identifying keys and related data into a desired sequence, the steps comprising:

i* fetching and evaluating a portion of a key, said portion having one of M possible distinct values
ii* determining whether said portion of a key has been previously encountered in a present iteration of said **sorting** procedure,
iii, appending said **key** to a bin identified by said one of M possible distinct values,
iv. repeating steps (i), (ii) and (iii) until each key in at least...said bins have been tested, and all of said keys have been appended, to said file, and
viii. performing steps (i) through (vii) until all **keys** are **sorted**, wherein the improved method comprises the steps:
(a) after an unsorted key is fetched and prior to determining whether said portion of a key has...

...characterized in that said adjacent key is the prior key.

7 The process of claim 5 characterized in that said adjacent key is the subsequent **key**.

- 31 --. In a bin **sorting** procedure for computing equipment by **sorting** a **group** of records comprised of a **group** of identifying keys and related data into a desired sequence, the steps comprising:

i. fetching and evaluating a portion of a key, said portion having one of M possible distinct values,
ii* determining whether said portion of a key has been previously encountered in a present iteration of said **sorting** procedure,
iii. appending said **key** to a bin identified by said one of M possible distinct values,
iv. repeating steps (i), (ii) and (iii) until each key in at least been appended to said file, and
viii. performing steps (i) through (vii) until all **keys** are **sorted**, wherein the improved method comprises the steps:

(a) performing an additional step of utilizing an auxiliary **table** to identify each said M possible distinct values actually encoun
- 32 tered during a current iteration through said sub-group of keys, and
(b) if...

...greater than a threshold level at the end of said current iteration, processing in a predetermined order only those bins identified by said auxiliary **table**, and failing to determine which bins have at least one appended key and which bins do not.

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9 The process of claim 8...
...characterized in that said threshold level is between approximately three percent and approximately twenty-five percent of said M total of

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INFORMATION SORTING METHOD, INFORMATION SORTER, RECORDED MEDIUM ON WHICH INFORMATION SORTING PROGRAM IS RECORDED
INFORMATIONSSORTIERVERFAHREN, INFORMATIONSSORTIERER, AUFGENOMMENES MEDIUM AUF DEM DAS INFORMATIONSSORTIERPROGRAMM AUFGENOMMEN IST
PROCEDE DE TRIAGE D'INFORMATIONS, TRIEUR D'INFORMATIONS, SUPPORT ENREGISTRE SUR LEQUEL LE PROGRAMME DE TRIAGE D'INFORMATIONS EST ENREGISTRE

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ABSTRACT EP 1102181 A1

When a general-purpose search service is used, a number of pieces of information searched according to a keyword input by a user is merely displayed. If there are a number of search results, it is difficult to learn the content of the search result.

A clustering module 3 acquires a plurality of search results searched by a general-purpose search service 1, performs a clustering process to the search results, and displays the clustering result. Also arranged is a converter module 2 which converts the search result provided by the search service 1 into a format that is processed by the clustering module.

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INFORMATION SORTING METHOD, INFORMATION SORTER, RECORDED MEDIUM ON WHICH INFORMATION SORTING PROGRAM IS RECORDED
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...SPECIFICATION documentsorter 333 may determine a common feature referencing the synonymous feature dictionary for the presence of any synonym. When there is a synonym, the document sorter 333 may include

the corresponding document into the same cluster .

The document sort result memory 334 stores the content sorted by the document sorter 333. The output controller 335 reads the content of the document sort result memory 334, and displays the content on the...

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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RETRIEVING, ACCUMULATING, AND SORTING TABLE-FORMATTED DATA
VERFAHREN UND GERAT ZUM WIEDERBESCHAFFEN, ZUSAMMENFASSEN UND SORTIEREN TABELLENFORMATIERTEN DATEN
PROCEDE ET DISPOSITIF DE RECUPERATION, DE STOCKAGE ET DE TRIAGE DE DONNEES FORMATEES EN TABLEAUX

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ABSTRACT EP 1136918 A1

This invention provides a method and apparatus for searching for and tabulating table-format data that not only has the functions of a conventional data table but also greatly increases the speed of searching for and tabulating large amounts of data. The method for searching for and tabulating table-format data represented as an array of records including fields containing field values for each field according to the present invention comprises: keeping in a storage device, a value control table containing field values in the order of field value numbers corresponding to field values belonging to a specific field, and a field value number- specifying information array containing information that specifies the field value numbers in the order of records, acquiring from the field value number- specifying information array the field value number corresponding to the specific record, and obtaining from the field values stored in the value control table the field value corresponding to the field value number thus acquired.

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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RETRIEVING, ACCUMULATING, AND SORTING
TABLE-FORMATTED DATA
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...SPECIFICATION counts 14 of the aforementioned value control table corresponding to the aforementioned field values.

Next, the field values ("female" and "male") within the array of field values 11 are sorted according to a stipulated basis. Naturally, at the time of this sort, the array of counts 14 must also be reordered with the sorting of the array of field values 11.

Moreover, set the start position in the array of start positions 13 of the value control table. This start position is found as the cumulative total of...

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Sorting system and method
Sortierungssystem und Methode

Systeme et methode de tri

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ABSTRACT EP 978782 A1

A sorting system includes a plurality of input nodes (100), each of which sorts sorting target data distributed and stored in input local disks (200). An internally sorted result is stored as a plurality of sorted strings in a shared disk (500) connected between the input node (100) and output node (300). Upon reception of a merge instruction from all input nodes (100), the output node (300) reads the sorted string from the shared disk (500) and merges it and outputs a whole sorted result of all input data to an output local disk. In a process of obtaining a whole sorted result of all input data through parallel processing by a computer system constituted of a plurality of computers (nodes), a time to sorting input data can be shortened.

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Sorting system and method
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...ABSTRACT A1

A sorting system includes a plurality of input nodes (100), each of which sorts sorting target data distributed and stored in input local disks (200). An internally sorted result is stored as a plurality of sorted strings in a shared disk (500) connected between the input node (100) and output node (300). Upon reception of a merge instruction from all input nodes (100), the output node (300) reads the sorted string from the shared disk (500) and merges it and outputs a whole sorted result of all input data to an output local disk. In a process of obtaining a whole sorted result of all input data through parallel processing by a computer system constituted of a plurality of computers (nodes), a time to sorting input data can be shortened.

...SPECIFICATION plurality of records each including one or a plurality of keys, in a certain order (e.g., ascending or descending order) in accordance with the keys .

In a sorting process for a relatively small amount of input data (collection of records), a computer writes given input data in a buffer of a computer memory, refers to and compares keys of respective records to rearrange the records and obtain a sorted result. Such a sorting process which uses only the buffer of a computer memory as data storage region is called internal...internal sorting buffer 110 of each input mode 100. The sorting target data is a collection of records each including one or a plurality of keys to be used for a sorting process. In this system, the final sorted result is stored in the output local disk 400 of the output disk 300.

Next, the sorting process...record stored in the buffer 810 is determined in accordance with the predetermined node decision rule. At each determined output node, records in the internal sorting buffer are classified into record groups corresponding to determined output nodes to rearrange the records in each classified record group in accordance with the predetermined sorting rule. If only one output node is determined, records are not classified and only the internal sorting process is performed.

With the above processes, the data read into the buffer 810 is classified into....

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Local sorting of downloaded tables
 Lokale Sortierung von heruntergeladenen Tabellen
 Triage local des tableaux telecharges

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Sorting of table data is enhanced by providing hidden sort keys associated with table cell data. When table data is displayed, the hidden sort keys are not, but they may nevertheless be used as a basis for sorting table information. Thus table data may be presented in a variety of views with alternative arrangements of data, based on whether each column or row of table data is sorted by content or by the hidden sort key or sorted in ascending or descending order. The table may selectively be restored to its original configuration after sorting. Sorting is invoked by interpreting mouse clicks in a header cell of a table column or row.

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Local sorting of downloaded tables

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...ABSTRACT A2

Sorting of table data is enhanced by providing hidden sort keys associated with table cell data. When table data is displayed, the hidden sort keys are not, but they may nevertheless be used as a basis for sorting table information. Thus table data may be presented in a variety of views with alternative arrangements of data, based on whether each column or row of table data is sorted by content or by the hidden sort key or sorted in ascending or descending order. The table may selectively be restored to its original configuration after sorting. Sorting is invoked by interpreting mouse clicks in a header cell of a table column or row.

...SPECIFICATION discussed more hereinafter, it is appropriate to display a pop-up menu such as shown in Figure 5A. This permits a user to specify a set of options conveniently. The options include settings for the sorting process. If menu selection 1 is selected, the table sorting will occur by hidden key in an ascending order. If menu selection 2 is selected, the sorting will be by hidden key in a descending order. If menu selection 3 is selected, the table data will be sorted by the content of the column in question. If menu selection 4 is selected, the table will be sorted by content in a descending order. If menu selection 5 is selected, the table will be restored to its default condition, that is, the condition before any sorting occurred. This is done by simply replacing the existing table information with a stored copy of the table information which was stored in conjunction with step 410 of Figure 4. Menu selections 1-4 set flags which control the sort

process as described more hereinafter.

Figure 5B shows the semantics of exemplary flags used in accordance with one embodiment of the invention. In a preferred...
...640), the pop-up menu described in conjunction with Figure 5A is displayed (645). As before, the user makes a selection from the pop-up menu and the content/ **Sortkey** flag and ascending/descending flag are set (650). If a left mouse button double click is detected in the header cell (655), a check is made to see whether the **table** is sorted in ascending order for that column based on the existing value for the content/ **sort key** flag. If it is not (660-N), the ascending/descending flag will be set to ascending (655) and the **sort** will occur. If the **table** is already sorted in ascending order (660-Y), the ascending/descending flag will be toggled to the descending state (670) before the sort occurs.

Figure...

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00326950

Sorting method with extended collation functions.
Sortierverfahren mit erweiterten Kollationierfunktionen.
Procede de triage a fonctions d'interclassement etendues.

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IBM PUBLICATION SH 18-0016-0; "OS/VS sort/merge program-kanji/chinese RPQ
reference no. 7F0094 program description and operation manual"
IBM TECHNICAL DISCLOSURE BULLETIN, vol. 19, no. 8, January 1977, page
2822, New York, US; J.C. BYRUM et al.: "Numeric field compare
algorithm";

ABSTRACT EP 317530 A2

A method and means for extending the collation functions of a **sorting** program (**SORT**) enable the program to permute, combine, or filter input records having collating characteristics that are not recognized by the **SORT** program. The extension includes provision of an extended function support program (EFS) that can be invoked by and concurrently executed with the **sorting** program. The EFS program is provided with a modality for modifying control statements received by the **SORT** program but executable only against records having the non-recognized collating characteristics. The EFS program modifies such control statements to a form executable by the **SORT** program. The EFS program also is provided with the capability of modifying the collating characteristic fields of records which are to be processed by the **SORT** program, the modification resulting in the provision for the records of counterpart collating characteristics recognized by the **SORT** program. The **SORT** program is thereby enabled to **SORT /MERGE** input strings of records with non-recognized collating characteristics into output strings including such records. The EFS program is also invoked by the **sorting** program to

perform conditional filtration of input records having non-recognized collating characteristics, which enables the **SORT** program to assemble an output list of filtered records with non-recognized characteristics. This permits the **SORT** program to perform INCLUDE/OMIT functions on records with non-recognized collating characteristics.

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Sorting method with extended collation functions.

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...ABSTRACT A2

A method and means for extending the collation functions of a sorting program (**SORT**) enable the program to permute, combine, or filter input records having collating characteristics that are not recognized by the **SORT** program. The extension includes provision of an extended function support program (EFS) that can be invoked by and concurrently executed with the **sorting** program. The EFS program is provided with a modality for modifying control statements received by the **SORT** program but executable only against records having the non-recognized collating characteristics. The EFS program modifies such control statements to a form executable by the **SORT** program. The EFS program also is provided with the capability of modifying the collating characteristic fields of records which are to be processed by the **SORT** program, the modification resulting in the provision for the records of counterpart collating characteristics recognized by the **SORT** program. The **SORT** program is thereby enabled to **SORT /MERGE** input strings of records with non-recognized collating characteristics into output strings including such records. The EFS program is also invoked by the **sorting** program to perform conditional filtration of input records having non-recognized collating characteristics, which enables the **SORT** program to assemble an output list of filtered records with non-recognized characteristics. This permits the **SORT** program to perform INCLUDE/OMIT functions on records with non-recognized collating characteristics. ...

...SPECIFICATION called to supplement the extraction process by translating data in control fields containing collating characteristics foreign to the sorting program into collating characteristics recognized by **SORT** 21. Hereinafter, control **fields** containing collating characteristics recognized and translated by the EFS are referred to as "EFS control fields", and the untranslated data as "EFS characteristics". The translated ...and/or filtered records 114, deletes the internal records used by the S/M module 25, and performs the output string processing. The execution of **SORT** 21 terminates when the program closes data **sets**, releases storage, and returns control to the calling program or system. EFS 22 is involved in the termination phase by major calls 4 and 5... major call 1 processing in step 210.

Refer now to Table III for an understanding of major call 1 processing. Prior to making the call, SORT sets the action code field 142 of the EIPL 40 to zero indicating major call 1 to the EFS program. This code requests EFS to return the VRL 42 and...Major call 3 also provides logic to INCLUDE or OMIT records with EFS-recognized collating characteristics using the EFS02 exit. In preparation for the call, SORT sets the EIPL field 142 to 8, denoting major call 3, and sets the addresses to the record lengths list and extract buffer offsets in the appropriate EIPL fields. SORT then flags the type of application in effect and the type of records being processed by setting bits 4 and 5 and bit 7, respectively, of the information flags in EIPL field 160. Major call 3 is executed...

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A method of facilitating computer sorting .
Verfahren zur Vereinfachung des Sortierens mit dem Rechner.
Procede pour faciliter le triage par ordinateur.

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HEWLETT-PACKARD JOURNAL, vol. 35, no. 9, September 1984, pages 31-35,
Amstelveen, NL; H. WILSON et al.: "Designing software for the international market";

ABSTRACT EP 294950 A2

A method of facilitating the alphabetical dictionary sorting , by computer, of words based upon characters from a multilingual alphabet, especially the repertoire of characters defined in the new standard alphabet known as ISO 8859/1. This invention uses an encoding scheme (33) to determine the language dependent sort orders for the characters defined in ISO 8859/1. This encoding scheme removes the dependency of sorting on the character set's internal collating representation. This method allows the same sorting software to support many (if not all) of the languages supported by the alphabet. By storing the language dependent sort orders as data files (36), the sorting software is immune to the user's language and hence is highly portable. The number of languages supported is directly proportional to the number of data files available.

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A method of facilitating computer sorting .

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A method of facilitating the alphabetical dictionary **sorting**, by computer, of words based upon characters from a multilingual alphabet, especially the repertoire of characters defined in the new standard alphabet known as ISO 8859/1. This invention uses an encoding scheme (33) to determine the language dependent **sort** orders for the characters defined in ISO 8859/1. This encoding scheme removes the dependency of **sorting** on the character set's internal collating representation. This method allows the same **sorting** software to support many (if not all) of the languages supported by the alphabet. By storing the language dependent **sort** orders as data files (36), the **sorting** software is immune to the user's language and hence is highly portable. The number of languages supported is directly proportional to the number of...

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The present invention permits language dependent sorting to be handled by language independent software. This means that the same **set** of software is portable to support **sorting** when **different** languages have to be supported. The language dependent **sort** orders are loaded from data files at run time. The sort orders are created by a utility program which creates the data for the three encoding **tables** (**tables** 120, 126, and 131 of Figures 1B, 2B, and 3B respectively) used by the encoding software (Appendix A).

There are two encoding tables (an alphanumerical...120, Fig. 1B, accent priority encoding table 126, Fig. 2B, and non-alphanumerical character encoding table 131, Fig. 3B). The use of data files 36 **separates** the **sorting** software from the language dependency of the **sort** orders and allows the use of one **set** of **sorting** software.

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**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DYNAMICALLY FORMATTING AND DISPLAYING TABULAR DATA
IN REAL TIME**

**PROCEDE ET DISPOSITIF DE FORMATAGE ET D'AFFICHAGE DYNAMIQUE DE DONNEES
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 Embodiments of the invention upon current systems by allowing users to
 dynamically generate and repeatedly modify the appearance of any set of

tabular data. When the system obtains input relating to formatting the table, the appearance of the table is dynamically modified so the users can instantaneously view any changes to the table caused by the input (e.g., WYSIWYG). Users provide input (e.g. layout information) that relates to various types of pivot operations, **sorting** operation, and/or merging operations performed on the table. The user may, for example, select a certain field and then initiate a pivot operation using the selected field. The system is configured in accordance with one embodiment of the invention so that the layout information is stored independent of and/or associated with the table data.

French Abstract

Par certains modes de realisation, l'invention appliquee aux systemes courants permet aux utilisateurs de generer dynamiquement et de modifier de facon repetitive l'aspect d'un ensemble quelconque de donnees tabulaires. Lorsque le systeme recupere des entrees se rapportant au formatage de la table, l'aspect de la table se modifie de facon dynamique de facon que les utilisateurs puissent visualiser instantanement toutes les modifications apportees a la table en raison de l'entree (par exemple WYSIWYG). Les utilisateurs fournissent de l'entree, par exemple de l'information de mise en page, se rapportant a divers types d'operations de rotation, d'operations de tri et/ou d'operations de fusion realisees sur la table. L'utilisateur peut notamment selectionner une certaine zone puis lancer une operation de rotation utilisant la zone selectionnee. Le systeme est configure en fonction d'un mode de realisation de l'invention de facon que l'information de mise en page soit conservee en independance des donnees de la table et/ou en association avec ces donnees.

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Detailed Description

... the fields and attributes on which to pivot the resulting sub-tables of records, reducing redundant information in each of the sub-tables; (b) the **fields** and attributes by which to **sort** the records in each sub-table; (c) the fields and attributes that should not be displayed in the published output; (d) the display sequence of...

...a pivot-by-pivot basis. This layout specification is performed and stored on a family-by-family basis so that not only fields but also **category** -specific attributes can be used to define the pivoting, **sorting**, display sequence, and other pivot-specific sorting and display characteristics for each family.

Multiple pivots of the same type can be nested, while pivots of...

...the participating fields and attributes. As each field or attribute is hidden or used to pivot or sort, and as each of the pivot-specific **sorting** and display characteristics are **set**, the **corresponding table** layouts for the family are automatically generated by the system and the preview display updated in real time, providing instant interactive feedback and allowing tweaking, tuning, and iterative refinement of the **table** layout of each

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S2	67	SORT???(5N)FIELD? ?(5N) (CATEGORY OR CATEGORIES)
S3	48	RD (unique items)
S4	45	S3 NOT PY=2001:2003

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Commence PIM improves on Current with better usability

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ABSTRACT: Jensen-Jones Inc. has introduced Commence 1.0 in an attempt to improve on IBM's difficult-to-learn Current. Commence's enhanced interface features more attractive and logical icons and command buttons. In addition, Commence streamlines procedures for creating categories, designing fields, and linking data. Its most impressive feature is a set of agents, which are supercharged macros that allow the user to automate virtually any task and insert not only time-contingent but also data-contingent triggers for launching tasks. While Commence's import capabilities are strong, supporting ASCII, DBF, and DIF formats, the program has one significant weakness: 2 Commence databases cannot be merged. Manuals accompanying the product are thorough, attractively designed, well indexed, and amply illustrated. Online help is also thorough. Documentation is rated excellent, and ease of learning and ease of use are rated very good. Although Commence is one of the most expensive Windows personal information managers, it is one of the most powerful available.

TEXT: Revamping IBM's customizable but difficult-to-learn Current, Jensen-Jones offers Commence 1.0. Commence has retained Current's customizability, but Jensen-Jones has given the program a "kinder, gentler" interface that significantly enhances its usability.

Like Current, Commence comes with a half-dozen applications--phone book, calendar, to-do list, phone log, expense report, and the like.

And like Current, Commence lets you create new applications, using up to 14 types of data fields, which you can lay out just as you like. You can even customize links between fields.

Commence's enhanced interface, however, features more attractive and logical icons and command buttons. Also, Commence streamlines procedures for creating categories, designing fields, and linking data. Last but not least, Commence's most impressive new feature is its set of Agents, which are supercharged macros that allow you to automate virtually any task and insert not only time-contingent but also data-contingent "triggers" for launching tasks.

The end result is that Commence is much easier to learn and use than Current was. At the same time, however, the program has lost none of its flexibility and customizability. If you're a user who has looked in vain for a personal information manager that suits your way of working, Commence is right up your alley. If the program doesn't already work the way you want it to, with a little effort you can most likely fine-tune Commence so that it performs to your specifications.

We scored this review using criteria that we developed in our June 15 comparison (page 69) of personal information managers (PIMs).

PERFORMANCE:

Data management: Whether you're working with one of Commence's predefined applications (called categories) or with one you've created yourself, there are four types of views from which you can select: report, book, calendar, and Gantt chart. The report view is a standard columnar listing of data and is available for every application. Commence's other views are available for data of the appropriate type: The book view, for example, presents data in the format of an address book and is available for phone and address listings. The Gantt chart view displays daterelated data in a time-line

format and is available for both the to-do list and the calendar. The report and book views are modifiable to the extent that you can select what fields will appear in each view and how the items will be sorted.

And when you select any item in a view by double-clicking on it, the item's detail screen, which contains every data field assigned to the category, will be displayed. Thus, you may list name, company, and phone number in your phone book report view. But if you double-click on a name you'll get all of the record's information, including its address, notes, and whatever other fields you've attached.

Commence makes it easy to connect the data in two categories, and many of the program's prebuilt categories already contain connection fields. The phone book category, for example, has a number of connections, including one to the to-do category. So, when you assign a to-do to a person, it will automatically appear in the to-do field of that person's record in the phone book category.

When you're using a connected field, you can even summon a list of all the possible connections. For example, when you assign the task to a person, you can hit the plus sign, and a list of all the people in the phone book will pop up. Select the one (or ones) you want, hit Enter, and you're set. To create a new connection, simply select Connections from the Category menu and specify the two categories that you want to link. A new, scrollable connected field will appear in each category.

You can create up to 100 categories in each Commence database, and each category can contain up to 50 fields from among 14 different field types: calculation, check box, currency, data file, date, Excel cell, image, name, number, radio group, sequence number, telephone, text, and time. Each category can hold up to 8,000 items, which should be more than enough for most individual users. In addition to the sheer number of available fields that it offers, Commence also enables you to attach bit-mapped graphic images to fields.

You can see each **category** in a variety of views and **sort** data in views by up to four criteria at once. You can also "filter," or search, any category by up to four field values, setting criteria and applying Boolean operators at each stage.

If the field you select for one of the four filters is a currency value, you can specify a figure and indicate that you want all entries where the record's value is equal to, less than, greater than, or not equal to that figure. If you select a date field for filtering, Commence automatically gives you a form where you can enter a date and specify that records match the date or have dates that occur before or after the specified date. You can even use wild cards in filtering when you filter by name, text, or telephone fields.

Constructing complex filters involves many steps, but it is extremely easy to follow and produces powerful results. If you want to perform a single-field search, you can select Simple Filter from the Options menu. However, you will still have to use a complex routine for specifying terms. There is no simple way to, for example, search all items for those containing the word "Jones."

In light of the complexity of Commence's search routines, the program's capability to save filtering arguments is especially welcome. When you apply a filter, you're actually creating a new view, which you can save and even place on the toolbar. When you subsequently call up that view, it will display any items that fit the filter argument, including new items added since you last saved the view.

Commence's data handling is far and away the most flexible and powerful of the PIMs in this category, rising above PackRat and Instant Recall. We rate data management excellent.

Calendar and scheduling capabilities: Commence's daily scheduler which is the default calendar view, displays a scrollable window that shows 9 hours

of your day at a glance.

In addition, there is a timeline that runs alongside, displaying which blocks of time are occupied from 6 a.m. until midnight.

When you enter a new appointment, you can assign each appointment to any of eight "types," the eighth of which is "other." Each appointment type--from "meeting" to "vacation" to "phone call" --has its own color code, and you can call a color legend whenever you forget which color stands for what.

There are also connected fields available that you can use to link any appointment to a person, project, to-do, date appointment, note, or conference room.

Commence is particularly adept at scheduling recurring appointments. You can schedule items to occur daily, weekly, every second Sunday of the month, or just about any other period you want. And Commence's procedure for making such appointments is surprisingly easy and intuitive to use.

Commence allows you to attach alarms to any appointment, though you cannot individually select a lead time for the alarm.

The program will alert you if an alarm passes while the program is inactive, but only if you've selected the appropriate check box in one of the submenu dialog boxes. However, this is not checked as a default, and until users discover this, they are vulnerable to missing crucial appointments.

Despite Commence's power in scheduling capabilities, it is unexpectedly weak in providing views of your schedule. The program purports to provide daily, weekly, and monthly views, but the only view that actually provides any information about appointments is the daily view. The weekly and monthly views display only color-coded time bars.

If you can't see appointment details immediately in the weekly and monthly views, however, you can get to them fairly quickly. Simply clicking on the time block you're interested in will pop up that item's detail screen. And if you click in an unoccupied block, a blank form pops up that you can use to enter a new item. We rate calendar and scheduling capabilities good.

Reporting: Jensen-Jones has designed attractive formats for printing reports, and the program provides moderately strong controls for adjusting those formats. You can, of course, print any view you can display on-screen, and the program lets you select the margins and choose whether to print the view only, the view and item details, or just the item details. For any report, you can also select fonts from any of your installed Windows fonts.

If you want to print a more customized view of your data--such as selecting which data fields to include in the report --you'll have to create a customized view that contains what you want. You can't perform last-minute selections at print time.

Commence does a better job of printing weekly and monthly calendars than it does of displaying them on-screen. In addition to an attractive daily schedule, which is printed with three small monthly calendars across the top for reference, you can choose to print weekly and monthly grids that list the time and name fields of each appointment. We rate reporting good.

Other: In addition to applications for listing contacts and scheduling appointments, Commence offers a variety of other preconstructed applications. Among the most useful are Commence's to-do list, its telephone log, and its dialer. In addition, the program provides an expense accounting category.

Apart from these preconstructed applications, Commence's most significant "other" feature is the program's capability for generating new applications.

In addition, Commence supports Windows' Dynamic Data Exchange (DDE), which enables you to shell to a Windows word processor, inserting Commence data into the appropriate locations in preconstructed templates. You can even have the program automatically log the fact that you've printed a letter. There is, however, no automatic mail-merge utility for processing multiple records. But you can create a field for tagging an item that you want to include in the mail merge. You can then write an Agent that groups tagged items into a view and then performs the mail merge. Once you have set this up once, you don't have to set it up again.

Commence's import capabilities are also strong, supporting ASCII, DBF, and DIF formats. But the program has one significant weakness: You can't merge two Commence databases. Instead, you have to export from one and then import it into the other.

On the plus side, Commence does provide a utility that makes it quick and easy to back up and restore Commence data files.

There is no network version of Commence available, although Jensen-Jones expects to release one during the first quarter of this year. Certain features will need to be added besides just network support, however, in order to make it an effective multiuser program. For example, the current version lacks password protection and is limited to only 8,000 items per category in a database--limitations that will be very confining for network users. We rate other features good.

DOCUMENTATION:

Jensen-Jones offers outstanding documentation. The manuals are as thorough as they are attractively designed, and they are well indexed and amply illustrated.

In addition to a combined users' guide/reference manual, Jensen-Jones provides an installation booklet and a slim manual titled Commence for IBM Current Users that details the differences between the two programs. However, rather than indicating where Current and Commence differ, the manual recapitulates how Commence works without making comparisons with Current. The only place where such comparisons are made is in the listing of menu commands.

Commence's on-line help is also thorough, and in addition to being context sensitive and searchable, it offers hypertext capabilities to provide you with more detailed explanations of various topics. We rate documentation excellent.

EASE OF LEARNING:

Commence is a powerful and complex program that is quite easy to jump into. This is mostly due to Commence's clean, icon-driven design, coupled with a status line that keeps a running account of the function of any icon or button your cursor passes over. In short, if you have forgotten what an icon or command button does, you can obtain an immediate answer.

Commence also does a superior job of leading users through complex operations, such as defining Agents and constructing new categories. At nearly every step of the process, the program offers multiple-choice selections, which eliminates confusion about what the process requires.

Many users will find the program easy enough to learn that they won't need to use Commence's tutorial--which consists of a chapter in the manual that leads you through performing operations on a supplied sample database--but it's there for those who do need a bit more help. We rate ease of learning very good.

EASE OF USE:

Commence has made notable improvements over Current in ease of use. The most significant improvement is the program's Agent technology, which is essentially a macro with conditional timers.

The Agents are extremely powerful. Automating simple tasks, such as printing a schedule every day at 8 a.m., is a snap. But you can also have Agents perform actions when certain other types of database conditions are met. Sample Agents offered by Jensen-Jones, for example, will print a calendar the evening before any day on which you're scheduled to travel, or fax an order to the florist for flowers to be sent to any client who places an order above, say, \$5,000.

There's even an Agent History utility, in which all triggered Agents and the actions they performed are listed, so that you can check on what was done without your help.

Commence also has an easy-to-use overall design. Potentially complex procedures have been made quite a breeze to perform. Creating new layouts for categories, for example, is shockingly simple. Click on the field and drag it anywhere you like, and there are even extended cross-hairs to help you line things up.

Similarly, Commence makes scheduling recurring appointments simpler than one would expect. When you specify a recurring item, a box pops up with seven radio buttons marked Daily, Weekdays, Weekly, Every ?th Week, ?th Day of the Month, Monthly, and Yearly. If, for example, you select "Every ?th Week," an additional box will pop up, enabling you to select which week and day from lookup tables.

There are still a few areas where Commence could be improved. Drag-and-drop rescheduling of appointments, for example, would be welcome. As it is, to change an appointment's time you have to call up the item and re-edit its detail box.

Another minor irritation is that when you pop up a legend for a calendar or Gantt chart, it covers other data. You can expand the window so that everything shows, but the program won't remember the new arrangement--therefore, you will have to go through the process every time you load up the program.

Finally, it would be helpful if the installation program took care of installing word processor macros instead of requiring users to perform the task manually. However, these are very minor points. Commence has done a very creditable job of making what is an extremely powerful program surprisingly easy to use. We rate ease of use very good.

SUPPORT:

Support policies: Jensen-Jones offers free, but not toll-free, technical support Monday through Friday from 9 a.m to 6 p.m. Eastern time. There is also a 60-day money-back guarantee and a forum on CompuServe. In addition, the company publishes a newsletter that is scheduled to appear three times a year, as well as technical notes that are distributed on an ad hoc basis. We rate support policies good.

Technical support: Each time we called technical support, the staff was unavailable and we had to leave a message. However, our calls were returned within a few hours. We found the staff to be well trained and knowledgeable about the product, as well as friendly and ready to help. All of our questions were answered quickly and concisely. We rate technical support good.

VALUE:

At \$395, Commence is among the most expensive Windows personal information managers. However, you're getting what you pay for, as Commence is also one of the most powerful PIMs available.

Priced the same as PackRat, from Polaris Software, Commence offers users an excellent alternative to PackRat's reliance on well-designed but non-customizable applications. With its capability to generate new applications and provide up to 14 different field types for users to select from, Commence provides more customizability than any other PIM on the market. Commence is a good value.

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... t necessarily mean limiting the scheme to a handful of broad categories. One of Metacode's customers, for example, is using Metatagger to sift and sort material according to 110,000 categories in the medical field , in contrast with just six big buckets that it used before.

Metacode has been selling Metatagger directly, but it hopes to sell it through OEM...

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... join the tables. You'll be able to process the query faster by grouping or presenting the query result against a table in a certain field 's sort order with the table already sorted in the field .

This category also includes the use of summary tables or snapshots instead of the original tables. Summary tables or snapshots are often much smaller than the original...

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... Other features allow users to add notes to the cards and search for contacts based on those notes. Cards can be saved in user-defined categories , and sorted by a field or multiple fields . They also can "drag and drop" fields from a card image to a database, and use a Smart Zoom feature to highlight areas to be...

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... as well as weekly, monthly, and six-week planner calendars.

Report views have also been spruced up, and are now sortable by up to four fields in Gantt and report categories (the address-book category always sorts by name; the calendar, by date). For example, you can sort a workgroup by person, task, date due, or priority in ascending or descending order...

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Building Notes applications. (coordinating workflow within a group or across the enterprise)

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... all authorized users, or they may be private to the user who created them.

A view's sort specification orders the documents. In addition to sorting , designers can categorize views using one or more fields . Category fields appear as group headers instead of repeating on each document as a column. Documents within the category are indented. Users can expand and collapse view outlines. The sorted category fields optimize query execution, because Notes does not have to scan every document to find matches in a category search. The category acts as a kind

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4/3,K/6 (Item 6 from file: 275)

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01804827 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 17155740 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)

Tools and utilities.(1995 Database Buyer's Guide and client/server sourcebook) (Buyers Guide)

DBMS, v8, n6, p72(29)

May 15, 1995

DOCUMENT TYPE: Buyers Guide ISSN: 1041-5173 LANGUAGE: English

RECORD TYPE: Fulltext; Abstract

WORD COUNT: 45154 LINE COUNT: 03869

... from up to 32 tables. Allows customization of every aspect of a report (layout, font size and styles, and calculations) without programming. Data can be sorted and grouped in up to eight categories . Reports can include total fields that summarize information for groups of records in the report, for each page, or for the entire report. Users can also define fields whose values...

4/3,K/7 (Item 7 from file: 275)

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01791308 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 16994183 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)

Enhancing your Notes mail.(PC Tech: Extending Your Apps) (Column) (Tutorial)

Kerwien, Erica

PC Magazine, v14, n12, p259(4)

June 27, 1995
DOCUMENT TYPE: Column Tutorial ISSN: 0888-8507 LANGUAGE: ENGLISH
RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT; ABSTRACT
WORD COUNT: 3793 LINE COUNT: 00272

... as this phrase is consistent, it can be the criterion on which you base the macro. Here's an example of a macro that will sort meeting notes:

```
FIELD Categories := @If  
(@Contains (@LowerCase (Subject);  
"development meeting"); "Meeting  
Notes";  
Categories);  
SELECT @All
```

Unlike when you manually created categories, the category will be created automatically if it...

4/3,K/8 (Item 8 from file: 275)
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01759413 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 16684017 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)
Arrange 2.0: flexibility, power, and complexity. (Common Knowledge's PIM)
(Software Review) (Evaluation) (Brief Article)
Schorr, Joseph
MacUser, v11, n5, p64(1)
May, 1995
DOCUMENT TYPE: Evaluation Brief Article ISSN: 0884-0997
LANGUAGE: ENGLISH RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT
WORD COUNT: 511 LINE COUNT: 00041

... organize your schedule, contacts, and to-do items, Arrange's complexity and sophisticated tools would be overkill. But for those who have to organize and sort information that doesn't fall into the traditional fields and categories ordinary PIMs give you, Arrange is a powerful tool that lets you not only organize your schedule but also customize the way you use it.

4/3,K/9 (Item 9 from file: 275)
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01690804 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 15584769 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)
Newton shareware abounds on-line. (the top 10 most frequently downloaded programs for the Apple Newton personal digital assistant)
Staten, James
MacWEEK, v8, n29, p14(2)
July 18, 1994
ISSN: 0892-8118 LANGUAGE: ENGLISH RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT; ABSTRACT
WORD COUNT: 671 LINE COUNT: 00061

...ABSTRACT: and enter data onto the Newton from a desktop computer. Atomic Software's \$49 NotePak replaces the Newton's to-do list by providing priority, category, description and due date fields, as well as sorting filters and a progress bar.

4/3,K/10 (Item 10 from file: 275)
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01688545 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 15356060 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)
Tools and utilities. (1994 Database Buyer's Guide and Client/Server Sourcebook) (Buyers Guide)
DBMS, v7, n6, p63(29)
June 15, 1994

DOCUMENT TYPE: Buyers Guide ISSN: 1041-5173 LANGUAGE: ENGLISH
RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT; ABSTRACT
WORD COUNT: 46074 LINE COUNT: 03903

... to 32 tables. Allows customization of every aspect of a report -- report layout, font size and styles, and calculations -- all without programming. Data can be sorted and grouped in up to eight categories . Reports can include total field that summarize information for groups of records in the report, for each page, or for the entire report. Users can also define fields whose values are...

4/3,K/11 (Item 11 from file: 275)
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01688187 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 15548883 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)
Getting it together. (1,001 Tips: Workgroup Applications)
PC-Computing, v7, n8, p208(6)
August, 1994
ISSN: 0899-1847 LANGUAGE: ENGLISH RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT; ABSTRACT
WORD COUNT: 5207 LINE COUNT: 00385

... what if you want to assign a person to more than one category and still be able to find his or her data in a sort ? Use the Notes field to type the category names and separate each with a space and an @ symbol. For example, if someone in your address book is a consultant, writer, and instructor, you...

4/3,K/12 (Item 12 from file: 275)
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01613921 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 13901763 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)
Tools and utilities. (software packages that help database developers prototype and design applications, query, and create help systems, among other uses) (1993 Database Buyer's Guide Special Issue) (Buyers Guide)
DBMS, v6, n7, p63(33)
June 15, 1993
DOCUMENT TYPE: Buyers Guide ISSN: 1041-5173 LANGUAGE: ENGLISH
RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT; ABSTRACT
WORD COUNT: 45702 LINE COUNT: 03876

... tables. Report Builder allows customization of every aspect of a report -- report layout, font size and styles, and calculations -- all without programming. Data can be sorted and grouped in up to eight categories . Reports can include total fields that summarize information for groups of records in the report, for each page, or for the entire report. Users can also define fields whose values...

4/3,K/13 (Item 13 from file: 275)
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01581003 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 13312203 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)
Field Assistant will link, track contacts. (new contact-management software from Field Integration Technology Inc.) (Brief Article) (Product Announcement)
Parkinson, Kirsten L.
MacWEEK, v7, n2, p8(1)
Jan 11, 1993
DOCUMENT TYPE: Product Announcement ISSN: 0892-8118 LANGUAGE:
ENGLISH RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT
WORD COUNT: 289 LINE COUNT: 00024

... ship in March, include:

> Contact management. Users can store unlimited addresses, phone numbers, activities and notes for a particular company or contact. Ten user-definable fields also are available for assigning sort categories to entries.

> Scheduling. Field Assistant includes daily, weekly and monthly views of users' schedules, as well as an integrated to-do list.

Users can choose to view all activities...

4/3,K/14 (Item 14 from file: 275)
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01506782 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 11981280 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)

Keep in touch with contact management software. (Software Review)

(Performer Systems Inc.'s Performer 2.3, Richmond Technologies and Software Inc.'s The Maximizer 2.1 and DataSel Software Inc.'s Gold 1.0) (Evaluation)

Nillson, B.A.

Computer Shopper, v12, n4, p363(5)

April, 1992

DOCUMENT TYPE: Evaluation ISSN: 0886-0556 LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT; ABSTRACT

WORD COUNT: 2316 LINE COUNT: 00177

... In DataSel, those lists are available for every field, and they may be customized however you wish. In fact, they'll have to be; default categories aren't provided.

Lists may be sorted on any field, but the program keeps its own indexes on four special fields (last name, company name, ID number, and ZIP code), allowing it to perform what...

4/3,K/15 (Item 15 from file: 275)
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01496869 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 11732852 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)

Picture this! (Paradox Programmer) (Tutorial)

Smith, Brian J.

Data Based Advisor, v10, n1, p46(6)

Jan, 1992

DOCUMENT TYPE: Tutorial ISSN: 0740-5200 LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT; ABSTRACT

WORD COUNT: 2934 LINE COUNT: 00216

... this way requires some additional PAL and query work along the lines of Step 3. The way I do it is to add a new field, "Category #," to the STEP1 table; sort the ANSWER table by the "# Rented;" use a SCAN program to assign a ranking number to each category with the top category ranked #1; and use a "ChangeTo" query to transfer the rank values back into the "Category #" field in STEP1. Then I sort the STEP1 table by Category #. It turns out that the next step, the cross-tab step, arranges the CROSSTAB fields in the order it finds the Category values in the...

4/3,K/16 (Item 16 from file: 275)
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01458400 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 11471388 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)

Customize your PC Magazine utilities with PATCH.COM. (includes related articles on the .ZIF file template, PC Magazine utilities updates and the PATCH command) (Utilities) (column) (tutorial)

Mefford, Michael J.

PC Magazine, v10, n19, p425(8)

Nov 12, 1991

DOCUMENT TYPE: tutorial ISSN: 0888-8507 LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT; ABSTRACT
WORD COUNT: 5188 LINE COUNT: 00380

... and a list of the states each variable can assume. Again using DR.COM as an example, if you press Enter on the PICK LIST category you will be given the description " Sort field ." The Sort field determines the filename characteristic according to which DR.COM sorts its file list. (DR.COM has only one pick variable; other utilities may have more...)

4/3,K/17 (Item 17 from file: 275)
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01390801 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 09684867 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)
Changing to a new record-keeping system; how a customized database helps one professional track invoices and expenses. (Software Solutions)
Kendall, Robert
Home Office Computing, v8, n11, p28(2)
Nov, 1990
LANGUAGE: ENGLISH RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT; ABSTRACT
WORD COUNT: 1951 LINE COUNT: 00142

... fields on invoices, each record in the Invoices file also includes other expense fields necessary for tax purposes. For instance, Date and Recipient of Payment fields let me match expenses with receipts. A Category field lets me sort expenses by the categories the IRS requires, such as telephone, supplies, and office expenses. I also added a separate Date Paid field for expenses, since I sometimes receive separate
...

4/3,K/18 (Item 18 from file: 275)
DIALOG(R)File 275:Gale Group Computer DB(TM)
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01348620 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 08109408 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)
Database strategies: getting the right fit. (rethinking database design)
Liskin, Miriam
Personal Computing, v14, n2, p101(6)
Feb, 1990
ISSN: 0192-5490 LANGUAGE: ENGLISH RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT; ABSTRACT
WORD COUNT: 3618 LINE COUNT: 00268

... director every two years who changes all the categories, this design is inefficient and inconvenient.

A more serious limitation may surface as well: With each category in its own field , it is difficult or impossible to sort or index the entire list by category , as you might want to do for certain summary reports. A better design would provide just one field for the donor category, into which you...

4/3,K/19 (Item 19 from file: 275)
DIALOG(R)File 275:Gale Group Computer DB(TM)
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01292347 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 07152698 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)
Addressing a common problem. (Software Review) (Address Book Plus, version B.00) (evaluation)
Krasnoff, Barbara
Personal Computing, v13, n4, p204(2)
April, 1989
DOCUMENT TYPE: evaluation ISSN: 0192-5490 LANGUAGE: ENGLISH
RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT; ABSTRACT
WORD COUNT: 999 LINE COUNT: 00073

... and first name fields, two address lines, fields for home and business phone numbers (the latter with an extra field for an extension), a birthday field, and a comments field. Two extra fields are used to sort or pull out various categories : the Codes field, which accepts up to three letters from A to J (a small window pops up whenever your cursor is on the field, allowing you to...).

4/3,K/20 (Item 20 from file: 275)
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01291625 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 07106518 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)
Vendor profiles: makers of personal information managers. (directory)
PC Week, v6, n10, p122(2)
March 13, 1989
DOCUMENT TYPE: directory ISSN: 0740-1604 LANGUAGE: ENGLISH
RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT
WORD COUNT: 2398 LINE COUNT: 00255

... System Specifications: DOS 2.1 or higher; 128K bytes RAM; partially or fully resident; networkable.

Export: ASCII, structured.

Import: word processor.

Categorization Method: key words, category views, sort fields.

Features: text retrieval, project planner, time manager, tracker, word processor, free-form database, outlining, appointment manager, contact/client manager, structured input format.

Price: \$195.00...

4/3,K/21 (Item 21 from file: 275)
DIALOG(R)File 275:Gale Group Computer DB(TM)
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01289841 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 07106528 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)
Personal Information Managers. (Personal-Group Productivity Software Product Table) (buyers guide)
PC Week, v6, n10, p123(2)
March 13, 1989
DOCUMENT TYPE: buyers guide ISSN: 0740-1604 LANGUAGE: ENGLISH
RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT
WORD COUNT: 2400 LINE COUNT: 00255

... System Specifications: DOS 2.1 or higher; 128K bytes RAM; partially or fully resident; networkable.

Export: ASCII, structured.

Import: word processor.

Categorization Method: key words, category views, sort fields.

Features: text retrieval, project planner, time manager, tracker, word processor, free-form database, outlining, appointment manager, contact/client manager, structured input format.

Price: \$195.00...

4/3,K/22 (Item 22 from file: 275)
DIALOG(R)File 275:Gale Group Computer DB(TM)
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01281967 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 07990078
Informix report generator avoids SQL. (Informix QuickStart) (Structured Query Language) (product announcement)
Quinlan, Tom
MIS Week, v10, n49, p37(1)
Dec 11, 1989
DOCUMENT TYPE: product announcement ISSN: 0199-8838 LANGUAGE:
ENGLISH RECORD TYPE: ABSTRACT

....**ABSTRACT:** commands into Informix's fourth-generation programming language. A pop-up menu allows users to pull information from as many as 16 database files or **fields** and **sort** them into 256 **categories**. The program also features pull-down menus and cut and paste features. Priced at \$360, QuickStart can also be licensed for \$2,280 for up...

4/3,K/23 (Item 23 from file: 275)
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01260741 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 07107237 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)
A la cartography. (**MapMaker 3.0 and GeoQuery map generators**) (**Software Review**) (includes related article on geographic databases; another related article discusses other mapmaking systems) (evaluation)
Martinez, Carlos Domingo
MacUser, v4, n12, p198(6)
Dec, 1988
DOCUMENT TYPE: evaluation ISSN: 0884-0997 LANGUAGE: ENGLISH
RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT; ABSTRACT
WORD COUNT: 3134 LINE COUNT: 00244

... which provides a sort criterion, and another field as Label, which is the on-screen Pushpin name. You can ask GeoQuery to scan the Types field first. This sorts the file into categories and lets you choose which to include.

MapMaker's charting data can be entered from the keyboard or imported as a text file. Category names...

4/3,K/24 (Item 24 from file: 275)
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01251566 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 06827455 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)
Bring Harmony to your books. (with more than a dozen modules, Open Systems' Harmony integrated accounting program can automate an office on any budget) (**Software Review**) (**The Price Waterhouse Report**) (evaluation)
Dauphinais, G. William; August, Ray A.; Kneitel, Edward M.; Lee, Timothy J.
PC Magazine, v7, n14, p327(10)
Aug, 1988
DOCUMENT TYPE: evaluation ISSN: 0888-8507 LANGUAGE: ENGLISH
RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT; ABSTRACT
WORD COUNT: 4532 LINE COUNT: 00361

... profit percentage by order. Harmony's sorting capability makes this report a powerful tool for honing your marketing and pricing strategies. A combination of such **fields** as a customer, item, salesperson, and inventory **category** can serve as key **fields** for **sorting**. The Serial Item History shows postsale activity of any items with serial numbers assigned and warranty expiration dates. The Sales Commission report lists commissions earned...

4/3,K/25 (Item 25 from file: 275)
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01211233 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 04739025 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)
Client List. (**Software Review**) (**mailing-list managers**) (evaluation)
Brown, Bruce
PC Magazine, v6, n6, p205(2)
March 31, 1987
DOCUMENT TYPE: evaluation ISSN: 0888-8507 LANGUAGE: ENGLISH
RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT; ABSTRACT
WORD COUNT: 15602 LINE COUNT: 01175

... cannot customize or change the entry screen at all. It's primitive,

. but it does work. Client List is limited to 250 records. Two coding **fields** are available, **category** and classification. You can **sort** by either of these **fields**, but not both. Client List sorts records by last name automatically, and you can specify ZIP code sorting when printing labels.

That's about it...it's too constraining. Everything about List n Label is already decided for you. Your 250 names must fit into predetermined fields, including one category **field** that lets you enter two character codes. List n Label will **sort** by last name or by the **category field**, but if you want to print your labels in ZIP code order, forget it.

If names or addresses don't fit into the field sizes...former as the key field, while a business entry has a distinct key field and a single name field. Otherwise, they both share three address **fields**, one phone number **field**, an eight-character **category field** (that can be used to select on), a re-**sort field** (that can contain information that you may alternatively wish to sort on, such as a ZIP code), and four comment **fields**. The notecard format contains key, **category**, and re-**sort fields**, along with seven comment lines. It is mainly useful as a user-created help file--for example, a listing of user codes that will be

...

4/3,K/26 (Item 26 from file: 275)
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01103726 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 00589767 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)
Project Management With The PC.
Edwards, K.; Derfler, F.J.Jr; Burns, D.; Taylor, J.; Venit, S.; Brown, L.K.
; Poor, A.; Hart, G.A.; Aarons, D.
PC Magazine, v3, n24, p193-277
Dec. 11, 1984
DOCUMENT TYPE: evalution ISSN: 0888-8507 LANGUAGE: ENGLISH
RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT; ABSTRACT
WORD COUNT: 12143 LINE COUNT: 00925

... include a network diagram, a Gant chart, activity lists, resource reports, and cost reports. It can produce several kinds of reports in each of these **categories**. You can **sort** and summarize information using a variety of different **fields**, such as early start, slack time, activity code, successor, or cost code, depending on the type of report you

4/3,K/27 (Item 1 from file: 621)
DIALOG(R)File 621:Gale Group New Prod.Annou.(R)
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01317534 Supplier Number: 45914917 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)
Seiko Instruments USA Inc. unveils Smart Business Card Reader.
Business Wire, p11060317
Nov 6, 1995
Language: English Record Type: Fulltext
Document Type: Newswire; Trade
Word Count: 371

... Other features allow users to add notes to the cards and search for contacts based on those notes. Cards can be saved in user-defined **categories**, and **sorted** by a **field** or multiple **fields**. Contact lists can be printed in address book, phone book or label formats.

The Smart Business Card Reader requires an IBM-compatible PC with a...

4/3,K/28 (Item 1 from file: 636)
DIALOG(R)File 636:Gale Group Newsletter DB(TM)
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02859796 Supplier Number: 45800595 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)
PINNACLE: Pinnacle announces FlashClip interface to Tektronix profile

PDR-100 professional disk recorder
M2 Presswire, pN/A
Sept 20, 1995
Language: English Record Type: Fulltext
Document Type: Newswire; Trade
Word Count: 762

... processing, a linear alpha key stored with each still image, and Pinnacle's advanced library management system. This library database system allows images to be sorted by number, name, date, category or field. The system's fast retrieval capabilities offer users the ability to store large numbers of images and retrieve the exact stills they need at a...

4/3,K/29 (Item 1 from file: 16)
DIALOG(R)File 16:Gale Group PROMT(R)
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07228620 Supplier Number: 61531051 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)
Notes Reports In A Snap. (Software Review) (Evaluation)
Schindler, Esther
Smart Reseller, v3, n10, p62
March 13, 2000
Language: English Record Type: Fulltext
Article Type: Evaluation
Document Type: Magazine/Journal; Trade
Word Count: 522

... like a prettified Notes view--and then you can go to work on it with a chain saw. You can reorder or eliminate columns, reorganize categories, use calculated fields, and summarize, sort, count or perform basic math on columns. The program includes several style sheets and plenty of options for changing fonts, alignment, colors, and so on...

4/3,K/30 (Item 2 from file: 16)
DIALOG(R)File 16:Gale Group PROMT(R)
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06056780 Supplier Number: 54296441 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)
2,001 Tips: Applications -- Got a hectic schedule? Juggling multiple projects? These tips will help you keep it all under control. (Product Support) (Tutorial)
Windows Magazine, p83(1)
Nov 15, 1998
Language: English Record Type: Fulltext
Article Type: Tutorial
Document Type: Magazine/Journal; General Trade
Word Count: 17932

... OK.
Change Your Sort Order
To change the sort order of your contacts, go to the Address section, choose View and one of the following Sort fields : By Last Name, By Company, By Zip or By Category .
Color-Code Your Pages
Color-code Organizer's Notepad pages for easy identification. Just create or edit a Notepad page, choose Styles/Color and make...

4/3,K/31 (Item 1 from file: 160)
DIALOG(R)File 160:Gale Group PROMT(R)
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01962611
Principles emerging for deliberate release
Bio/Technology July, 1988 p. 753-755
ISSN: 0733-222X

... of Technology Assessment has concluded that small-scale field tests involving GEMs are unlikely to cause adverse environmental effects. It should soon be possible to sort applications for field -tests into categories requiring low, medium or high levels of scrutiny, according to LV Giddings of OTA. According to B Davis of Harvard Medical School, GEMs are not...

4/3,K/32 (Item 1 from file: 148)
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12513685 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 64715525 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)
Knowledge Exchange at GlaxoWellcome.
DUFFY, JAN
Information Management Journal, 34, 3, 64
July, 2000
ISSN: 0265-5306 LANGUAGE: English RECORD TYPE: Fulltext
WORD COUNT: 2788 LINE COUNT: 00250

... Choose from pick list, none, or all.)
The on-screen language maps directly to the language used during the simulation game. Knowledge can be collected, sorted, and viewed by many different fields and categories. The system is designed to support the needs of multiple interest groups and to provide quick response; ideally, any question should be answered within 24...

4/3,K/33 (Item 2 from file: 148)
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09396909 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 19221712 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)
The Wall Street Journal meets the Web; WSJIE has managed to keep traditional WSJ values while adding Web zing.(The Wall Street Journal Interactive Edition)(Column)
O'Leary, Mick
Information Today, v14, n3, p22(2)
March, 1997
DOCUMENT TYPE: Column ISSN: 8755-6286 LANGUAGE: English
RECORD TYPE: Fulltext
WORD COUNT: 2002 LINE COUNT: 00160

... categories. Relevance ranking is employed to impart Precision to searches that otherwise would return an unacceptable ratio of irrelevant hits.

The advanced search level adds field searching, date limiting, sort and display options, and additional source categories. It lacks several expert-level features found on the News/Retrieval version, including proximity operators, searching minor fields, searching publications individually, and additional sorting and...

4/3,K/34 (Item 3 from file: 148)
DIALOG(R)File 148:Gale Group Trade & Industry DB
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08729873 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 18353653 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)
Where in he world is The New York Times: a searcher watches and hopes. (online versions)(includes related articles)(Cover Story)
Bjorner, Susanne
Database, v19, n3, p28(12)
June-July, 1996
DOCUMENT TYPE: Cover Story ISSN: 0162-4105 LANGUAGE: English
RECORD TYPE: Fulltext; Abstract
WORD COUNT: 8299 LINE COUNT: 00643

... 11 probably search DIALOG PAPERS, which includes File 471 in the ONESEARCH. (File 471 and 472 appear in the PAPERS, PAPERSNE, PAPERSNY, and PAPERSMJ DIALINDEX categories.) KRI has established certain length LIMITS, SORT options, search field suffixes (TI, LP), and output formats that make it easy to search many papers in a group. (Formats for all these papers have some similarities...)

4/3,K/35 (Item 4 from file: 148)
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08302567 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 17603912 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)
A gallery of gadgets: spanning the range from the provocative to the practical. (Buyers Guide)
Comarow, Avery; Flynn, Mary Kathleen; Manhard, Richard; Peart, Patricia;
Wiener, Leonard; Wu, Amy
U.S. News & World Report, v119, n20, p115(4)
Nov 20, 1995
DOCUMENT TYPE: Buyers Guide ISSN: 0041-5537 LANGUAGE: English
RECORD TYPE: Fulltext; Abstract
WORD COUNT: 2413 LINE COUNT: 00186

... the one for U.S. News. For artier treatments, you'll have to type in the words on the frustratingly tiny keys.

Information is automatically sorted into fields such as company name and address; birthdays and other categories can be added. You can also store key travel information about airlines, hotels and car services, along with appointments. And there's a note-taking...

4/3,K/36 (Item 5 from file: 148)
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07715401 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 16000837 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)
Corkboard 2.0. (Macintosh software for entrepreneurs) (Evaluation)
James, Dennis
Success, v42, n1, p55(1)
Feb, 1995
DOCUMENT TYPE: Evaluation ISSN: 0745-2489 LANGUAGE: ENGLISH
RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT
WORD COUNT: 326 LINE COUNT: 00024

... the similarity ends. Corkboard's simple exterior hides a powerful word processor and outliner, complete with spell checker, structured or random viewing, find and replace, sort and select, and category fields

Sam Anderson, supervisor of desktop systems at a Southern California HMO, uses Corkboard 2.0 to maintain a visual reference for the 1,600 Macs

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03502479 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 06202022 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)
Prodex feels familiar, but new. (Software Review) (Product reviews - PC phone management system) (evaluation)
Bermant, Charles
Personal Computing, v12, n2, p224(1)
Feb, 1988
DOCUMENT TYPE: evaluation ISSN: 0192-5490 LANGUAGE: ENGLISH
RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT; ABSTRACT
WORD COUNT: 854 LINE COUNT: 00065

... comments. Like most phone dialers, a number can be located by

· typing just the first few letters of the needed name (Prodex searches the default **category**).

The **Sort** command from the main menu alphabetizes any of the **fields**. Depending on how you key in data when booting up, Prodex will automatically sort out specific categories. For instance, if client names are keyed in...

4/3,K/38 (Item 1 from file: 15)
DIALOG(R)File 15:ABI/Inform(R)
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01559625 02-10614
DJI rounds out Dow Jones Web migration
O Leary, Mick
Information Today v15n1 PP: 16-17 Jan 1998
ISSN: 8755-6286 JRNL CODE: IFT
WORD COUNT: 2040

...TEXT: of which help focus the most casual search query. The advanced level-for experienced end users and expert searchers-has pull-down menus for selected **field** searching, date ranging, **sorting** by relevance or date, and additional publication **categories** . (See Figure 2.) Expert researchers will also be pleased to know that the entire command set will be supported. Charges are \$2.95 for full...

4/3,K/39 (Item 2 from file: 15)
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01508669 01-59657
Institutionalization and structuration: Studying the links between action and institution
Anonymous
Organization Studies v18n1 PP: 93-117 1997
ISSN: 0170-8406 JRNL CODE: ORS
WORD COUNT: 8666

...TEXT: of observation, (2) identifying behavioural patterns (scripts) within categories, (3) identifying commonalities across scripts, and (4) comparing scripts over time.

Grouping Data

A system of **categories** for collecting and **sorting** data greatly facilitates identifying scripts. Although the types of **categories** used depend on the research project, experienced **field** researchers typically employ several broad categorization schemes for collecting observational data (see Lofland 1976). One such scheme targets types of events or activities that have...

4/3,K/40 (Item 3 from file: 15)
DIALOG(R)File 15:ABI/Inform(R)
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01047808 96-97201
Booth directory for Nexpo 95 Who's showing what where
Anonymous
Editor & Publisher v128n21 PP: 8N-9N+ May 27, 1995
ISSN: 0013-094X JRNL CODE: EDP
WORD COUNT: 23968

...TEXT: and control.

As electronic copy is received from the input sources, NewsCentral uses automated categorization methods to manage the copy flow. Copy can then be

• sorted according to newspaper-defined categories , including header fields , arrival statistics and full text. Once the copy has been categorized, it is automatically sent to user-defined destinations, such as LAN-based diIectors, front...

4/3,K/41 (Item 4 from file: 15)
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01045973 96-95366
How fun flies at Southwest Airlines
Sunoo, Brenda Paik
Personnel Journal v74n6 PP: 62-73 Jun 1995
ISSN: 0031-5745 JRNLD CODE: PEJ
WORD COUNT: 5069

...TEXT: t fun," says Phelps. Now, data-entry clerks key in basic information, such as name, address, phone and education. The computer program allows recruiters to sort by any field , such as job category or city. If a recruiter is searching for a ramp agent in Chicago, for example, he or she can specify that geographically specific need. "You...

4/3,K/42 (Item 5 from file: 15)
DIALOG(R)File 15:ABI/Inform(R)
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00660170 93-09391
Commence PIM improves on Current with better usability
Marshall, Patrick
InfoWorld v15n2 PP: 71-75 Jan 11, 1993
ISSN: 0199-6649 JRNLD CODE: IFW
WORD COUNT: 2766

...TEXT: individual users. In addition to the sheer number of available fields that it offers, Commence also enables you to attach bit-mapped graphic images to fields .

You can see each category in a variety of views and sort data in views by up to four criteria at once. You can also "filter," or search, any category by up to four field values, setting...

4/3,K/43 (Item 6 from file: 15)
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00602816 92-17919
Bank Ethics: An Exploratory Study of Ethical Behaviors and Perceptions in Small, Local Banks
Mitchell, William J.; Lewis, Phillip V.; Reinsch, N. L., Jr.
Journal of Business Ethics v11n3 PP: 197-205 Mar 1992
ISSN: 0167-4544 JRNLD CODE: JBE
WORD COUNT: 3737

...TEXT: two authors until they achieved a mutually acceptable (i.e., comprehensive and exhaustive) list of behaviors. A total of 262 behaviors were found and were sorted into seventeen categories .

COLLECTION OF FIELD DATA

The results of the first stage were used as a foundation for the second stage. In the second stage employees in four small, local...

4/3,K/44 (Item 1 from file: 810)
DIALOG(R)File 810:Business Wire

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0750702 BW0079

SEIKO INSTRUMENTS: Seiko Instruments Introduces Free Enhanced Software Upgrade For Smart Business Card Reader

September 26, 1997

Byline: Business Editors and High-Tech Writers

...features allow the user to add notes to the cards and search for contacts based on those notes. Cards can be saved in user-defined categories , and sorted by a field or multiple fields

A "Smart Zoom" feature highlights areas of the card to be edited.

Contact lists can be produced in either address book, phone book or label...

4/3,K/45 (Item 2 from file: 810)
DIALOG(R)File 810:Business Wire
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0706694 BW0005

SEIKO INSTR USA INC: \$149 summer price offered for Seiko Instruments' Smart Business Card Reader

May 27, 1997

Byline: Business Editors

...Other features allow users to add notes to the cards and search for contacts based on those notes. Cards can be saved in user-defined categories , and sorted by a field or multiple fields

They also can "drag and drop" fields from a card image to a database, and use a Smart Zoom feature to highlight areas to be...

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6.2 Changing the display and sort order of the address list

Tap the titles sorting popup trigger (directly above the list of addresses) to get a list of pre-selected sorting schemes, choose one of the sorting schemes to apply it to the addresses database. Choose "Other..." to get to the Sorting and preferences panel (you can also get to this panel by tapping the Options menu and choosing "Preferences").

In this panel there are 2 drop down lists: the upper one is for the main sort field, and the next one is for the secondary sort field.

The entries in the drop down lists are identical in the 2 lists and include: Last name, First name, Company, Phone1, Phone2, Phone3, Phone4, Phone5, address, city, state, zip code, country, title, custom1, custom2, custom3, custom4. You may choose any of the entries in any of the fields.

The entry you choose for the main sort field is used to sort the list, for example if you choose "city" than in the address list all the records appear sorted with the city name first.

The entry you choose for the secondary sort field is used to sort the list if the records has the same data in the main sort field, for example if you choose "First name" and 2 records have the same "last name" in the main sort field (e.g. "Smith") than in the address list the 2 records appear sorted according to the secondary sort field - "first name" (e.g. "John", "Sam").

Tapping the "Done" button causes the list to be resorted and redisplayed according to the fields you chose.

While in the list view you can change the displayed phone number by selecting a field from the popup list in the titles row. The entry you choose for the phone display field is used to display the field you want instead of phone in the list, for example if you choose "title" than in the address list all the records appear with the titles instead of phone numbers.

If you checked in the preferences panel the "Fill phone field" checkbox than - If for a certain record the phone field is empty than it will show the phone field you chose in "show in list" preference for the record. If this one does not exist than the next available phone number will be shown.

You may select "None" to be displayed, than no phone number is displayed and you get to see more details on the 1st 2 displayed fields.

You may select "ShowInList" to display the phones exactly as in the address book according to your choices of what phone number to show in the list. If there is no phone number chosen - the next available one will be displayed.

New !! You may now select different sorting schemes and different phone view fields for different categories , and than by changing categories you get different sorting and viewing possibilities.

For example I chose the "last,first" sorting scheme and "phonel" view field for my "personal" category and the "company,last" scheme with no phone view field for my "business" category.

In order to enable this feature goto the preferences panel and check the "Sort for each category" checkbox.

!! Be aware that if you use this feature, each time you change a category the database is resorted - for big databases this operation may take some time ! - changing only the phone view field will not cause a resort!

6.3 The Quick Bar

The Quick Bar allows you a faster access to the records. By tapping a letter on the quick bar the first record with the same letter in the main sort field is highlighted.

If you want a more accurate access to a record you can add letters to the "Find field" (located now in the upper left corner) using Graffity strokes or the built in keyboard.

6.4 The Record duplication feature

In the Record view a "duplicate" button is added. Tapping this button causes a new record to be opened in the Edit view with all the details of the previously selected record. You may now edit the new record and save it at your will.

In the Record menu 3 menu items are added which allow you whole or partial duplication:

- Duplicate Whole (same as the button)
- Duplicate w/o name and title (allows you to create a new entry for a fellow worker of an existing contact)
- Duplicate only company info (same company but not a fellow...)

6.5 The contact management feature

A contact management feature appears In the Record menu of the record view as the menu item: "Add last contact date". Tapping this menu item will popup a date selection window which will let you specify a date. The date you specify is entered automatically into field custom4 (which you can rename for example to: "Last contact date:").

If you use this feature you can sort your list according to contact dates...(close enough - the sorting is according to ASCII characters and not numeric digits so some glitches may appear: 7/10/99 will be before 7/2/99).

6.6 Auto Resort after HotSync

Due to a built in feature of the old address book that auto resorts the address database after each Hotsync and the facts that your sorting scheme probably differs from the one the old address book uses and one cannot delete the old address book from the device, the address database appears to be messed up after each hotsync under addressPro. In order to resort the database automatically after a hotsync check in the preferences panel the check box marked "Resort after HotSync". You may not check it if you use the same sorting scheme as the old address book (e.g.: Company, Last name) and your database does not get messed up due to this fact.

If you have a large database an auto resort may come in the wrong time. you can uncheck the "auto resort" checkbox and manually resort the database at your own leisure by tapping the "az" icon to the left of the sorting scheme popup list trigger.

6.7 Search & Replace engine

Tapping the "Find" button in the List view brings up the "Search & Replace" form.

Enter the string to search in the search field, choose which fields to check and hit the "Go" button.

The search is being done only on the current category, so in order to search the whole database, please choose the category "All".

The search result is shown as a list in a "Search" form. In order to get back to normal mode hit the "Done" button. In order to change search string or fields hit the "More" button.

Replacing text / changing category / deleting

For each record found to comply with the search string you can do the following:

- Replace the searched string with a new string. Enter the new string in the replace field and check the checkbox.
- Change the category of the record. Choose the new category from the categories list and check the checkbox.
- Delete the record. Check the "delete record" checkbox.

!!!!!!!!!! CAUTION !!!!!!!

I DO NOT RECOMMEND REMOVING THE CHECK MARK FROM THE VERIFY ACTION CHECKBOX.
LETTING THE APPLICATION DO THE REPLACING/DELETING JOB AUTOMATICALLY FOR YOU
WITHOUT SUPERVISION MAY CAUSE UNWANTED RESULTS.

TAKE THE CHECKMARK OFF ONLY IF YOU CAN SPECIFY AN EXACT SEARCH STRING THAT WILL
"CATCH" ONLY THE RECORDS YOU WANT AND ONLY IF YOU EXPECT A LOT OF RECORDS TO BE
PROCESSED.

BE WARNED - AND HOTSYNC ALWAYS BEFORE YOU DO ANY KIND OF WORK OF THIS SORT.

!!!!!!!!!! CAUTION !!!!!!!

Remarks

- The search engine is case insensitive !
- Search an empty string and you will get all the records within the specified field - which are empty.

Some search & replace examples

To find all the records in the database containing my last name: ("Zinger") - I choose the "Personal" category , tap the "find" button, than I enter "zinger" in the search field and choose the last name field to be searched (saves time...) - than I hit the GO! button...

To replace all the occurrences of "zinger" with "singer" in all the records in the database :- I choose the "All" category , tap the "find" button, than I enter "zinger" in the search field and choose all fields to be searched , I enter "singer" in the replace field and check the checkbox of this field - than I hit the GO! button...

To delete all records containing the string "Jacob" in their first name field in the "Personal" category: - I choose the "Personal" category , tap the "find" button, than I enter "jacob" in the search field and choose the first name field to be searched , check the delete record checkbox - than I hit the GO! button...

Note !!! - I never uncheck the "Verify each action" checkbox !

7. Future Enhancements

- Anything you have in mind ! - And I think is worth the effort (An original enhancement suggestion implemented by me will entitle the responsible party the application and future upgrades - FREE for life !)

8. Bug Reporting

If you find a bug or want to suggest an enhancement you can contact me at:

sjzinger@geocities.com

9. Disclaimer

This product is provided without any warranty and the user accepts full responsibility for any damages, consequential or otherwise, resulting from its use.

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10. Registration

This program is a shareware. The unregistered version's is fully functional except the replace feature which is disabled and a registration reminder you see every time you start using the application.

If you like the program and wish to get the full version, please register with the author for the nominal fee of 19.95\$.

Registering will provide you the following:

- the full registered version which is not limited in any way.
- Free upgrades of the software.

Register the program at Palmgear HQ :

- online via: www.palmgear.com - Products shopping mall
- via phone: 817.640.6558
- via fax: 817.640.6614

The author's Web site can be found at:

<http://www.geocities.com/SiliconValley/Campus/7631/index.html>

11. Versions

ver 0.1b - May 23 1999 - initial beta release

ver 0.3b - May 28 1999 - Added dynamic title bar (shows the real names of the fields you choose).

ver 0.5b - May 29 1999 - Fixed crash problem on PalmIIIx/V

ver 0.7b - May 29 1999 - Added Record & partial record duplication

ver 0.71b - June 1 1999 - Added menuhack compatibility

ver 0.75b - June 2 1999 - Fixed lookup mechanism, handled installation crashes

ver 0.8b - June 4 1999 - Finally installation/hotsync crashes are gone! (Sorry folks...)

ver 0.85b - June 6 1999 - Improved sorting speed. Fixed sorting bugs

ver 0.9b - June 12 1999- Improved display speed.
Fixed lookup& search mechanisms.
Added custom fields to the sorting lists.
if phone field is empty than show in list phone is displayed
and if none than the next
existing phone number.
Phone field is now selectable from the list view and could
be set to "None".

ver 1.0 - June 14 1999 - Official release.
All reported bugs are fixed.

ver 1.01 - June 19 1999 - Updated info in About dialog concerning PalmGear HQ.
Full version is not affected.

ver 1.1 - June 26 1999 - Fixed new record DB positioning bug.

ver 1.11 - June 27 1999 - The missing application icon is back !

ver 1.13 - July 3 1999 - shareware version(only) bug fix: Fatal exception on
record view PageDown. Registered version not affected and stays at v1.11 .

ver 1.2 - July 7 1999 - Changed Sort button to popuplist trigger with preset
sorting schemes. (not released)

ver 1.3 - July 9 1999 - Contact management feature added to record view -
adding last contact date to custom4 field.(not released)

ver 1.4 - July 10 1999 - Fixed list display problem where only one field was
shown when not enough data. Now the list will display 2 fields if it can
retrieve data from: company, last or first fields. (handles personal contacts to
show last,first when in company,last sorting scheme).(not released)

ver 1.5 - July 11 1999 - Changed title font.(not released)

ver 1.6 - July 12 1999 - Shrunk "New" button + changed font, removed
bitmap.(not released)

ver 1.7 - July 13 1999 - moved "New" button & lookup field to bottom of screen
- better human engineering...(not released)

ver 1.8 - July 14 1999 - moved down also up/down arrows.(not released)

ver 2.0 - July 16 1999 - cleaned up all minor display problems caused by the
major cosmetic change. Time to release...

ver 2.1 - July 17 1999 - Added quicksort button-tap the "az" bitmap under the
title to quickly resort the DB.

ver 2.2 - July 21 1999 - Fixed Sort scheme first use problem.

ver 2.3 - July 24 1999 - Added pref: autoresort on startup
- rearranged prefs panel

ver 2.4 - July 27 1999 - removed time limitation from unregistered version.

ver 2.5 - July 28 1999 - added HotSync detection mechanism which allows auto-
resort on first startup of addresspro after hotsync (address book does a resort
after each hotsync and makes addressPro sorting scheme messed up).
- changed Pref to: Resort after HotSync.
- Fixed contact management bug that caused a crash.

ver 2.6 - August 6 1999 - Added to phone view list the option " Show in list"
which shows you the phone numbers just like in the address book - if there is no
phone chosen it will pick the first available one.

ver 2.7 - August 10 1999- Added search feature

ver 2.8 - August 20 1999- Added replace feature.

Ver 2.9 - August 22 1999- Added delete record option to the replace feature.

Ver 3.0 - August 27 1999- Added change category option to the replace feature
and verification option.

ver 3.1 - Sept 10 1999 - removed quick find bar and field from search mode (2
different search engins which do not interact very well...)

ver 3.2 - Sept 14 1999 - Fixed the ShowInList that does'nt stick bug.
ver 3.3 - Oct 1 1999 - Fixed the bug where a record that was edited during search mode causes the app to hang when it searches it again.
ver 3.4 - Oct 2 1999 - Fixed the bug which did not allow to replace text with multiple instances in the same record in one replace operation.
ver 3.5 - Oct 2 1999 - The search field now remembers the last search string in a single search session.
ver 3.6 - Nov 15 1999 - Added Graffity shift indicator to Search & Replace screen.
ver 3.7 - Nov 25 1999 - Fixed the bug where in search node one could still input graffity letters to the lookup field
ver 3.8 - Dec 2 1999 - Added contact management functionality to Edit view too.
ver 3.9 - Jan 18 2000 - Fixed scrolling problem which made it look that find @ replace does not find all records & GUI cosmetic change.
ver 4.0 - Jan 26 2000 - Fixed display problem. Added a checkbox to allow automatic fill of phone field enable/disable (was on all the time).
NEW !!! - Added individual category sort & view feature.

Remarks / Known bugs:

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- Sort speed is according to the number of contacts (more = slower) and how messed up is the sorting order before you start the sort.
- Shareware version users ! - evaluation period limitations gone!
- date sorting is not perfect(custom4 field).
- If you choose to use a different sort scheme for different categories please be patient while the database is resorted every time you move between categories with different sort schemes.

Tips

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- In order to see in the list only one field in its full details choose in the sorting preferences panel the main sort field and the second sort field to be the same and choose the phone field to be "None".
- If soring each category is to slow for you, leave the checkbox checked , make sure all categories have the same sorting scheme, and change the phone view field between different categories - changing categories will not cause a resort and you get a different look for each category.

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The entries in the drop down lists are identical in the 2 lists and include: Last name, First name, Company, Phone1, Phone2, Phone3, Phone4, Phone5, address, city, state, zip code, country, title, custom1, custom2, custom3, custom4. You may choose any of the entries in any of the fields.

The entry you choose for the main sort field is used to sort the list, for example if you choose "city" than in the address list all the records appear sorted with the city name first.

The entry you choose for the secondary sort field is used to sort the list if the records has the same data in the main sort field, for example if you choose "First name" and 2 records have the same "last name" in the main sort field (e.g. "Smith") than in the address list the 2 records appear sorted according to the secondary sort field - "first name" (e.g. "John", "Sam").

Tapping the "Done" button causes the list to be resorted and redisplayed according to the fields you chose.

While in the list view you can change the displayed phone number by selecting a field from the popup list in the titles row. The entry you choose for the phone display field is used to display the field you want instead of phone in the list, for example if you choose "title" than in the address list all the records appear with the titles instead of phone numbers.

If you checked in the preferences panel the "Fill phone field" checkbox than - If for a certain record the phone field is empty than it will show the phone field you chose in "show in list" preference for the record. If this one does not exist than the next available phone number will be shown.

You may select "None" to be displayed, than no phone number is displayed and you get to see more details on the 1st 2 displayed fields.

You may select "ShowInList" to display the phones exactly as in the address book according to your choices of what phone number to show in the list. If there is no phone number chosen - the next available one will be displayed.

New !! You may now select different sorting schemes and different phone view fields for different categories , and than by changing categories you get different sorting and viewing possibilities.

For example I chose the "last,first" sorting scheme and "phonel" view field for my "personal" category and the "company,last" scheme with no phone view field for my "business" category.

In order to enable this feature goto the preferences panel and check the "Sort for each category" checkbox.

!! Be aware that if you use this feature, each time you change a category the database is resorted - for big databases this operation may take some time ! - changing only the phone view field will not cause a resort!

6.3 The Quick Bar

The Quick Bar allows you a faster access to the records. By tapping a letter on the quick bar the first record with the same letter in the main sort field is highlighted.

If you want a more accurate access to a record you can add letters to the "Find field" (located now in the upper left corner) using Graffity strokes or the built in keyboard.

6.4 The Record duplication feature

In the Record view a "duplicate" button is added. Tapping this button causes a new record to be opened in the Edit view with all the details of the previously selected record. You may now edit the new record and save it at your will.

In the Record menu 3 menu items are added which allow you whole or partial duplication:

- Duplicate Whole (same as the button)
- Duplicate w/o name and title (allows you to create a new entry for a fellow worker of an existing contact)
- Duplicate only company info (same company but not a fellow...)

6.5 The contact management feature

A contact management feature appears In the Record menu of the record view as the menu item: "Add last contact date". Tapping this menu item will popup a date selection window which will let you specify a date. The date you specify is entered automatically into field custom4 (which you can rename for example to: "Last contact date:").

If you use this feature you can sort your list according to contact dates... (close enough - the sorting is according to ASCII characters and not numeric digits so some glitches may appear: 7/10/99 will be before 7/2/99).

6.6 Auto Resort after HotSync

Due to a built in feature of the old address book that auto resorts the address database after each Hotsync and the facts that your sorting scheme probably differs from the one the old address book uses and one cannot delete the old address book from the device, the address database appears to be messed up after each hotsync under addressPro. In order to resort the database automatically after a hotsync check in the preferences panel the check box marked "Resort after HotSync". You may not check it if you use the same sorting scheme as the old address book (e.g.: Company, Last name) and your database does not get messed up due to this fact.

If you have a large database an auto resort may come in the wrong time. you can uncheck the "auto resort" checkbox and manually resort the database at your own leisure by tapping the "az" icon to the left of the sorting scheme popup list trigger.

6.7 Search & Replace engine

Tapping the "Find" button in the List view brings up the "Search & Replace" form.

Enter the string to search in the search field, choose which fields to check and hit the "Go" button.

The search is being done only on the current category, so in order to search the whole database, please choose the category "All".

The search result is shown as a list in a "Search" form. In order to get back to normal mode hit the "Done" button. In order to change search string or fields hit the "More" button.

Replacing text / changing category / deleting

For each record found to comply with the search string you can do the following:

- Replace the searched string with a new string. Enter the new string in the replace field and check the checkbox.
- Change the category of the record. Choose the new category from the categories list and check the checkbox.
- Delete the record. Check the "delete record" checkbox.

!!!!!! CAUTION !!!!!!!

I DO NOT RECOMMEND REMOVING THE CHECK MARK FROM THE VERIFY ACTION CHECKBOX.
LETTING THE APPLICATION DO THE REPLACING/DELETING JOB AUTOMATICALLY FOR YOU
WITHOUT SUPERVISION MAY CAUSE UNWANTED RESULTS.

TAKE THE CHECKMARK OFF ONLY IF YOU CAN SPECIFY AN EXACT SEARCH STRING THAT WILL
"CATCH" ONLY THE RECORDS YOU WANT AND ONLY IF YOU EXPECT A LOT OF RECORDS TO BE
PROCESSED.

BE WARNED - AND HOTSYNC ALWAYS BEFORE YOU DO ANY KIND OF WORK OF THIS SORT.

!!!!!! CAUTION !!!!!!!

Remarks

- The search engine is case insensitive !
- Search an empty string and you will get all the records within the specified field - which are empty.

Some search & replace examples

To find all the records in the database containing my last name: ("Zinger") - I choose the "Personal" category , tap the "find" button, than I enter "zinger" in the search field and choose the last name field to be searched (saves time...) - than I hit the GO! button...

To replace all the occurrences of "zinger" with "singer" in all the records in the database :- I choose the "All" category , tap the "find" button, than I enter "zinger" in the search field and choose all fields to be searched , I enter "singer" in the replace field and check the checkbox of this field - than I hit the GO! button...

To delete all records containing the string "Jacob" in their first name field in the "Personal" category: - I choose the "Personal" category , tap the "find" button, than I enter "jacob" in the search field and choose the first name field to be searched , check the delete record checkbox - than I hit the GO! button...

Note !!! - I never uncheck the "Verify each action" checkbox !

7. Future Enhancements

- Anything you have in mind ! - And I think is worth the effort (An original enhancement suggestion implemented by me will entitle the responsible party the application and future upgrades - FREE for life !)

8. Bug Reporting

If you find a bug or want to suggest an enhancement you can contact me at:

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9. Disclaimer

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10. Registration

This program is a shareware. The unregistered version's is fully functional except the replace feature which is disabled and a registration reminder you see every time you start using the application.

If you like the program and wish to get the full version, please register with the author for the nominal fee of 19.95\$.

Registering will provide you the following:

- the full registered version which is not limited in any way.
- Free upgrades of the software.

Register the program at Palmgear HQ :

- online via: www.palmgear.com - Products shopping mall
- via phone: 817.640.6558
- via fax: 817.640.6614

The author's Web site can be found at:

<http://www.geocities.com/SiliconValley/Campus/7631/index.html>

11. Versions

ver 0.1b - May 23 1999 - initial beta release

ver 0.3b - May 28 1999 - Added dynamic title bar (shows the real names of the fields you choose).

ver 0.5b - May 29 1999 - Fixed crash problem on PalmIIIx/V

ver 0.7b - May 29 1999 - Added Record & partial record duplication

ver 0.71b - June 1 1999 - Added menuhack compatibility

ver 0.75b - June 2 1999 - Fixed lookup mechanism, handled installation crashes

ver 0.8b - June 4 1999 - Finally installation/hotsync crashes are gone! (Sorry folks...)

ver 0.85b - June 6 1999 - Improved sorting speed. Fixed sorting bugs

ver 0.9b - June 12 1999- Improved display speed.
Fixed lookup& search mechanisms.
Added custom fields to the sorting lists.
if phone field is empty than show in list phone is displayed
and if none than the next
existing phone number.

Phone field is now selectable from the list view and could
be set to "None".

ver 1.0 - June 14 1999 - Official release.
All reported bugs are fixed.

ver 1.01 - June 19 1999 - Updated info in About dialog concerning PalmGear HQ.
Full version is not affected.

ver 1.1 - June 26 1999 - Fixed new record DB positioning bug.

ver 1.11 - June 27 1999 - The missing application icon is back !

ver 1.13 - July 3 1999 - shareware version(only) bug fix: Fatal exception on
record view PageDown. Registered version not affected and stays at v1.11 .

ver 1.2 - July 7 1999 - Changed Sort button to popuplist trigger with preset
sorting schemes.(not released)

ver 1.3 - July 9 1999 - Contact management feature added to record view -
adding last contact date to custom4 field.(not released)

ver 1.4 - July 10 1999 - Fixed list display problem where only one field was
shown when not enough data. Now the list will display 2 fields if it can
retrieve data from: company, last or first fields. (handles personal contacts to
show last,first when in company,last sorting scheme).(not released)

ver 1.5 - July 11 1999 - Changed title font.(not released)

ver 1.6 - July 12 1999 - Shrunk "New" button + changed font, removed
bitmap.(not released)

ver 1.7 - July 13 1999 - moved "New" button & lookup field to bottom of screen
- better human engineering...(not released)

ver 1.8 - July 14 1999 - moved down also up/down arrows.(not released)

ver 2.0 - July 16 1999 - cleaned up all minor display problems caused by the
major cosmetic change. Time to release...

ver 2.1 - July 17 1999 - Added quicksort button-tap the "az" bitmap under the
title to quickly resort the DB.

ver 2.2 - July 21 1999 - Fixed Sort scheme first use problem.

ver 2.3 - July 24 1999 - Added pref: autoresort on startup
- rearranged prefs panel

ver 2.4 - July 27 1999 - removed time limitation from unregistered version.

ver 2.5 - July 28 1999 - added HotSync detection mechanism which allows auto-
resort on first startup of addresspro after hotsync (address book does a resort
after each hotsync and makes addressPro sorting scheme messed up).
- changed Pref to: Resort after HotSync.
- Fixed contact management bug that caused a crash.

ver 2.6 - August 6 1999 - Added to phone view list the option " Show in list"
which shows you the phone numbers just like in the address book - if there is no
phone chosen it will pick the first available one.

ver 2.7 - August 10 1999- Added search feature

ver 2.8 - August 20 1999- Added replace feature.

Ver 2.9 - August 22 1999- Added delete record option to the replace feature.

Ver 3.0 - August 27 1999- Added change category option to the replace feature
and verification option.

ver 3.1 - Sept 10 1999 - removed quick find bar and field from search mode (2
different search engins which do not interact very well...)

ver 3.2 - Sept 14 1999 - Fixed the ShowInList that does'nt stick bug.
ver 3.3 - Oct 1 1999 - Fixed the bug where a record that was edited during search mode causes the app to hang when it searches it again.
ver 3.4 - Oct 2 1999 - Fixed the bug which did not allow to replace text with multiple instances in the same record in one replace operation.
ver 3.5 - Oct 2 1999 - The search field now remembers the last search string in a single search session.
ver 3.6 - Nov 15 1999 - Added Graffity shift indicator to Search & Replace screen.
ver 3.7 - Nov 25 1999 - Fixed the bug where in search node one could still input graffity letters to the lookup field
ver 3.8 - Dec 2 1999 - Added contact management functionality to Edit view too.
ver 3.9 - Jan 18 2000 - Fixed scrolling problem which made it look that find @ replace does not find all records & GUI cosmetic change.
ver 4.0 - Jan 26 2000 - Fixed display problem. Added a checkbox to allow automatic fill of phone field enable/disable (was on all the time).
NEW !!! - Added individual category sort & view feature.

Remarks / Known bugs:

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- Sort speed is according to the number of contacts (more = slower) and how messed up is the sorting order before you start the sort.
- Shareware version users ! - evaluation period limitations gone!
- date sorting is not perfect(custom4 field).
- If you choose to use a different sort scheme for different categories please be patient while the database is resorted every time you move between categories with different sort schemes.

Tips

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- In order to see in the list only one field in its full details choose in the sorting preferences panel the main sort field and the second sort field to be the same and choose the phone field to be "None".
- If soring each category is to slow for you, leave the checkbox checked , make sure all categories have the same sorting scheme, and change the phone view field between different categories - changing categories will not cause a resort and you get a different look for each category.